Teaching Tools and Tips: VoiceThread

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Introduction

Are you tired of the same old discussion forum? If so, then perhaps VoiceThread is for you. VoiceThread is a great multidimensional alternative to the traditional discussion board.

Tool Identification

VoiceThread is an interactive tool that allows students to participate in discussion forums. However, it is much more than that! It is a collaborative tool that allows students and faculty to interact with one another. The best news is VoiceThread is a feature within the Blackboard Learning Management System that can be easily integrated in your Blackboard course.

Classroom uses for VoiceThread

VoiceThread can be used for a variety of purposes. The most obvious of these is of course its use as a discussion board. But VoiceThread can be used in a number of other ways as well.

It is a tool where students can collaborate in a number of various ways. Instructors can actually record their lectures in VoiceThread and allow for discussions to take place about the content of the lecture.

This collaborative tool allows users to add voice, images, documents, web links, and videos to which others can add voice, text, or video comments.

Are you worried about the universal access of your current discussion forums? Worry no more! VoiceThread Universal allows users to navigate to a HTML version of the VoiceThread that is compatible with screen readers.

Do you still have questions about what a VoiceThread looks like? Please click on the image below to see VoiceThread in action. (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=arB7zm6DPs)
Are you ready to create your own VoiceThread? Click here for tutorials for both the student and instructor interface.

**Conclusion**

VoiceThread is a great way to create an engaging discussion forum for both students and faculty alike.