CONSIDER IT: VoiceThread

Why use VoiceThread?

**Instructors** can
- Create mini lectures & demonstrations that encourage students to respond
- Provide contextual audio, video or text feedback on student work
- Moderate comments and respond privately to individuals or publicly to the whole class

**Students** can
- Create presentations, performances, media essays, and multimedia projects
- Demonstrate oral & visual competencies
- Review peer work and provide contextual feedback and questions

**Use VoiceThread to create:**
Audio, text and video discussions around images, documents, slideshows and video

**VoiceThreads may include:**
- Any combination of documents, PowerPoint slides, audio video and text in one presentation
- Comments and narration as audio, video and text
- Threaded discussions

**ADVANTAGES**
- Collaborate asynchronously, building community through multimodal interactions
- Combine audio, video, images and text files into one web resource
- Record video and comments using webcam
- Draw on slides while commenting
- Create presentations and comment using a mobile device
- Create groups with specific viewing/commenting permissions
- Create and share seamlessly through Sakai integration
- Share VoiceThreads with class groups, the entire UNC community, and specific non-UNC users
- Export presentations with comments as video files

**LIMITATIONS**
- Cannot embed videos from external sites (ex: YouTube), but can link to them
- Audio and video comments cannot be edited, only deleted; best to record shorter, consecutive comments

**Get Started!**
1. Log into Sakai, go to SITE INFO > EDIT TOOLS
2. Click the checkbox next to “VoiceThread,” click CONTINUE
3. Click FINISH
4. Go to the Tools Menu at the left of the screen and click “VoiceThread.”

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