



Creating a VoiceThread in Your D2L Course

This guide walks you through creating a basic VoiceThread in your D2L Course. Follow up with guides on [Creating Graded Assignments](#), as well as [Commenting](#), [Sharing](#), and [Adding Captions](#). For more information, check out the [VoiceThread Best Practices](#) guide.

Before you get started, note:

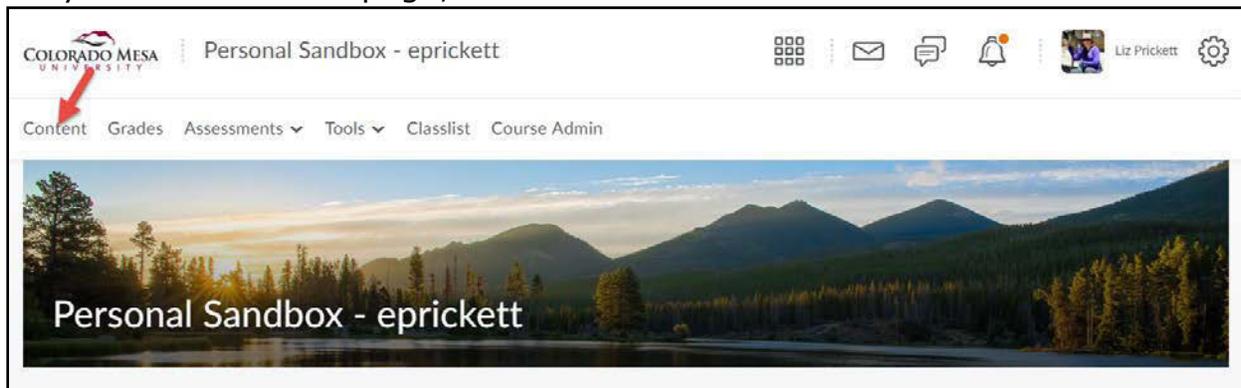
- VoiceThread is **fully supported** in **Chrome** and **Firefox** web browsers. For the best experience, keep your web browser up-to-date.
- VoiceThread can be viewed, but audio and video cannot currently be recorded with Safari or Edge web browsers.
- VoiceThread offers a [mobile app](#). You'll select **Colorado Mesa University D2L** and use your **MAVzone credentials** to log in once the app is installed. You will be able to access D2L via the VoiceThread app as well.
- Direct students with visual impairments who need accommodations to switch to [VoiceThread Universal](#) from their accounts.
- Check out [VoiceThread's Troubleshooting documentation](#) for more details.

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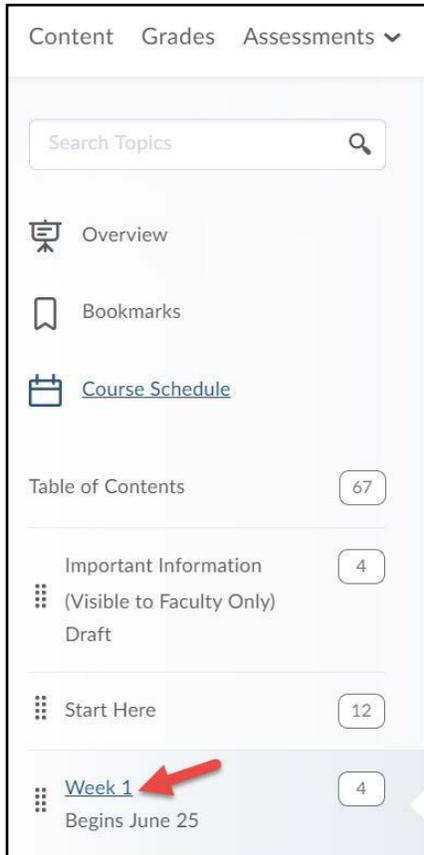
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Getting Started

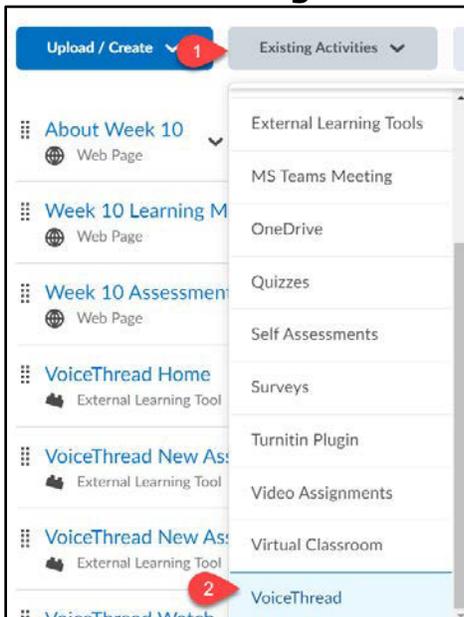
1. On your course home page, click on **Content**.



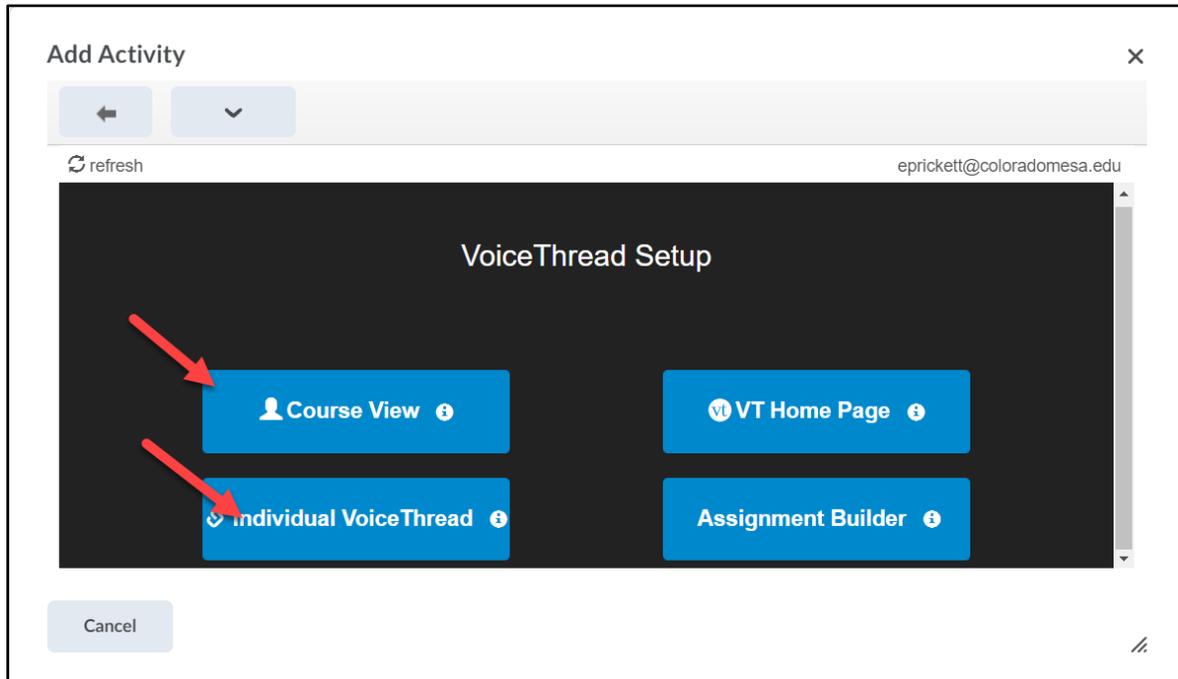
- From the **Table of Contents** section, choose a folder (module) in which a VoiceThread link needs to be added. Click the folder/module link to open it.



- Click **Add Existing Activities**. Choose **VoiceThread** from the dropdown menu.



4. Choose **Course View** or **Individual VoiceThread** from the **Add Activity** menu.



Non-Graded VoiceThread Views

For the purposes of this guide, we'll use the **Course View**. The other options for non-graded views are **Individual VT** and **Home**. You also have the option for **graded** VoiceThreads with **Assignment Builder**. Refer to the [Creating Graded Assignments](#) guide for more information.

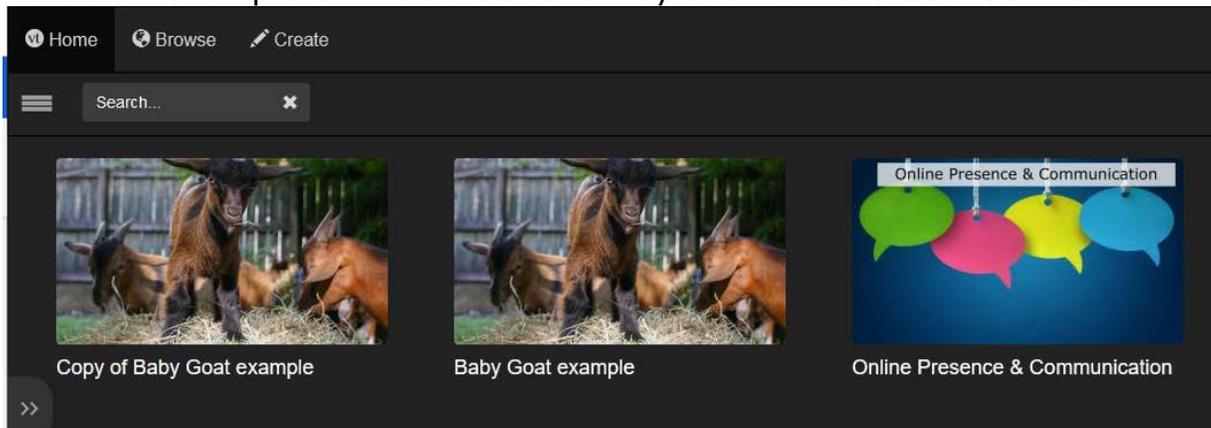
Here is a quick overview of the 3 non-graded view options so that you can select the option that works best for your course. You may decide to select different options in different parts of your course.

Course View

This option only displays the VoiceThreads you've **shared** with your course. If you've only shared one, it will only display that 1 VT.

According to VoiceThread, "This is a good option when you want students to find and comment on each other's work or if you want to allow students to review all course materials prior to an exam."

Here's an example of what a student may see from the **Course View**:



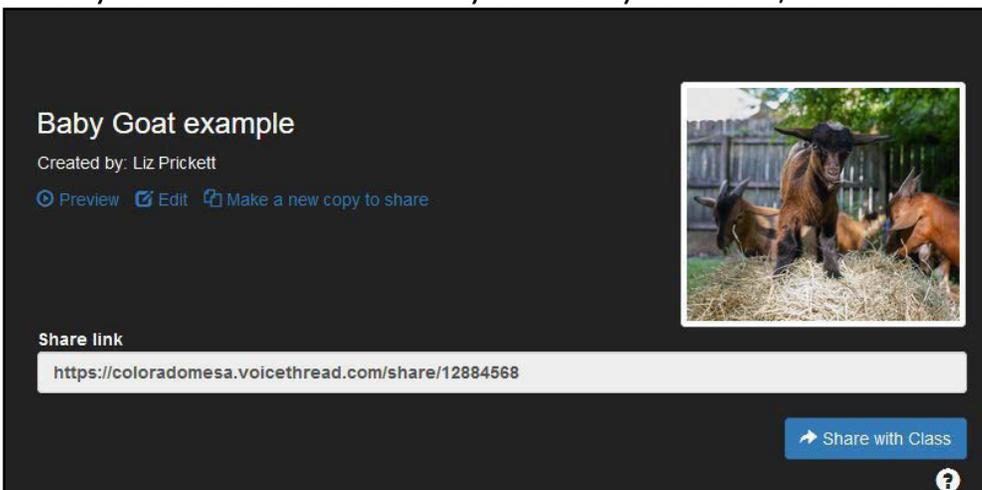
In this case, there were 3 VTs shared with the course.

Individual VT

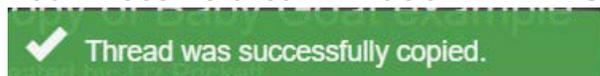
If you select this view, students will only see the **1** VT you **selected** when they click on the link.

According to VoiceThread, "This option is the best way to create a VoiceThread discussion board or lecture. Students will not need to look through a collection of VoiceThreads to find the correct one; they will be taken straight to it."

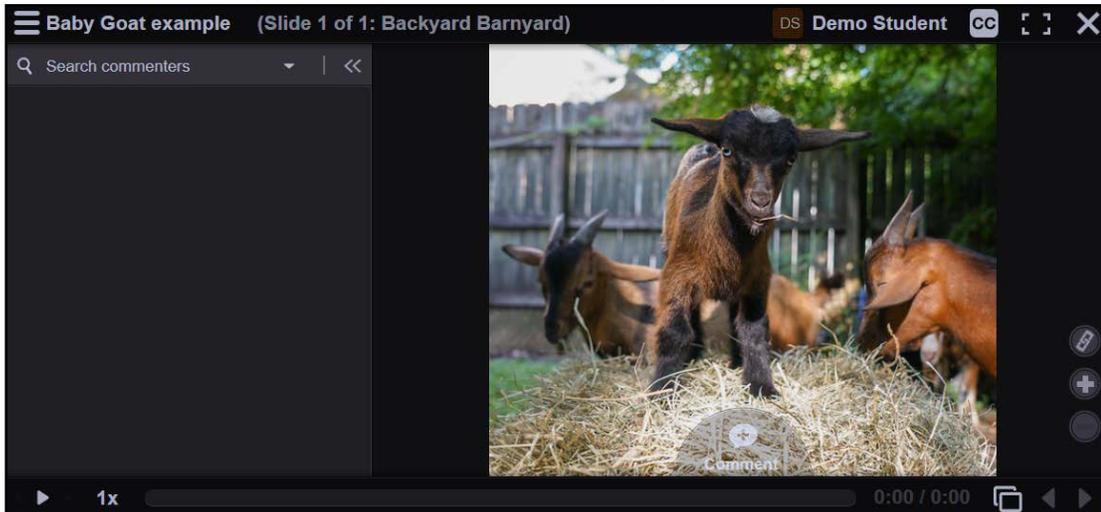
Once you've selected the VT you wish you share, click on the **Share with Class** button.



You'll receive a confirmation: A **Thread was successfully copied.**



Here's an example of what a student may see from the **Individual VT**:

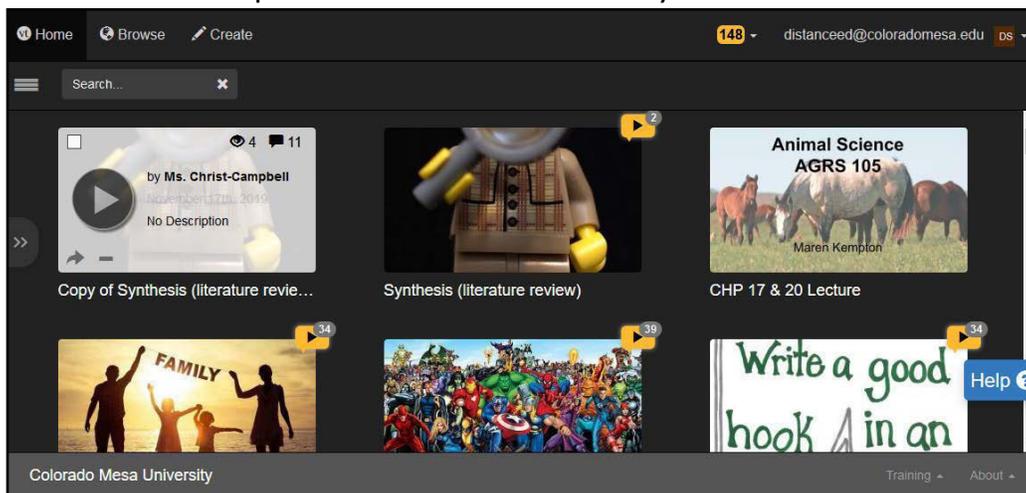


Home

Selecting this option allows students to view **any** VoiceThreads from courses that belong to (or have been shared with) them. This means they may see VTs from other courses along with yours.

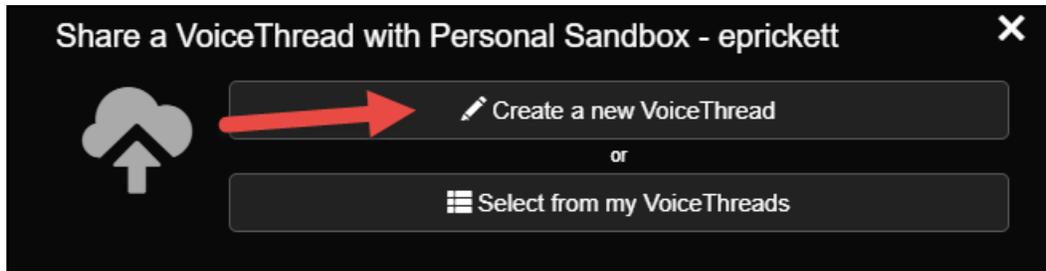
According to VoiceThread, "This option is useful if you want to create a simple portal into VoiceThread without directing students to any specific content."

Here's an example of what a student may see from the **Home view**:

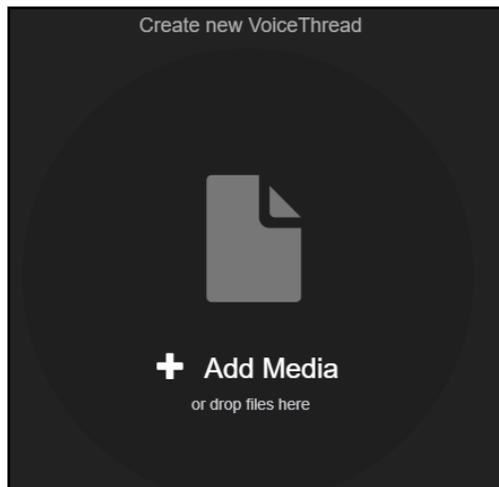


Uploading Material for Slides

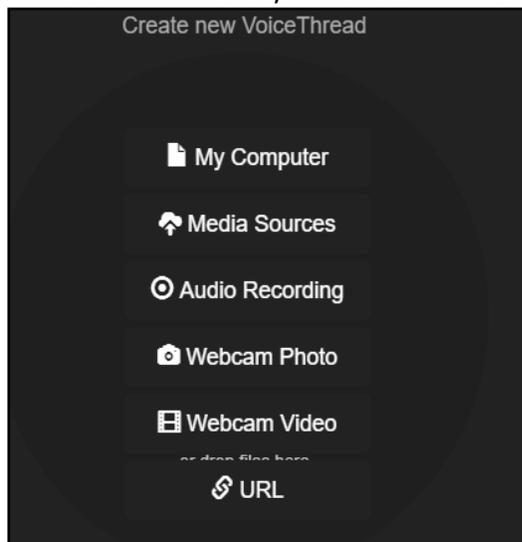
1. Click **+Add your own** (from **Course View**) to get started. (Alternately, you can click **Create** from Home View.)
2. Click the **Create a new VoiceThread** button.



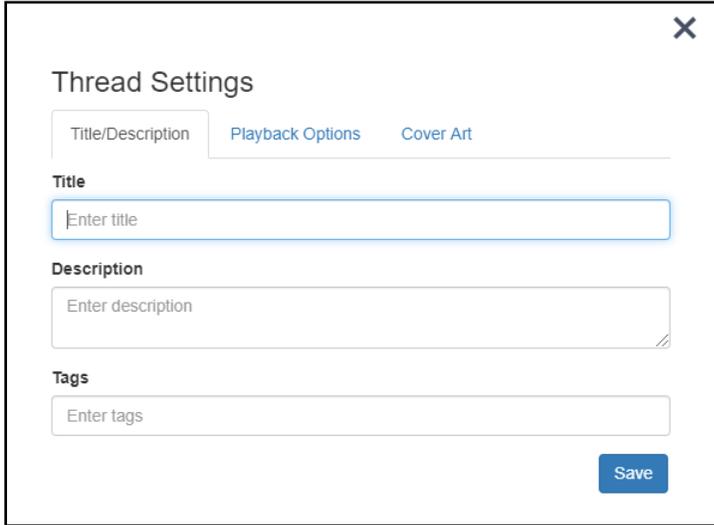
3. **Add Media.**



4. Choose from the options: **My Computer**, **Media Sources**, **Audio Recording**, **Webcam Photo**, **Webcam Video**, or **URL**.



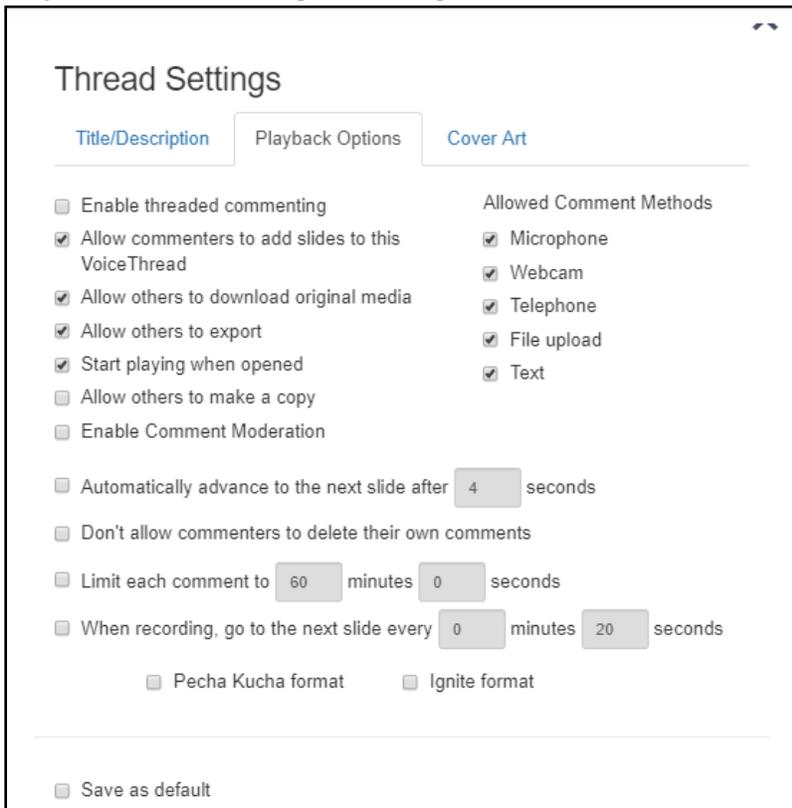
5. In the **Thread Settings Title/Description** tab, a



The screenshot shows a 'Thread Settings' dialog box with a close button (X) in the top right corner. It has three tabs: 'Title/Description' (selected), 'Playback Options', and 'Cover Art'. Under the 'Title/Description' tab, there are three input fields: 'Title' with the placeholder 'Enter title', 'Description' with the placeholder 'Enter description', and 'Tags' with the placeholder 'Enter tags'. A blue 'Save' button is located at the bottom right of the dialog.

6. Add a **Title** and **Description**.

7. Adjust default **Playback Options** as needed.



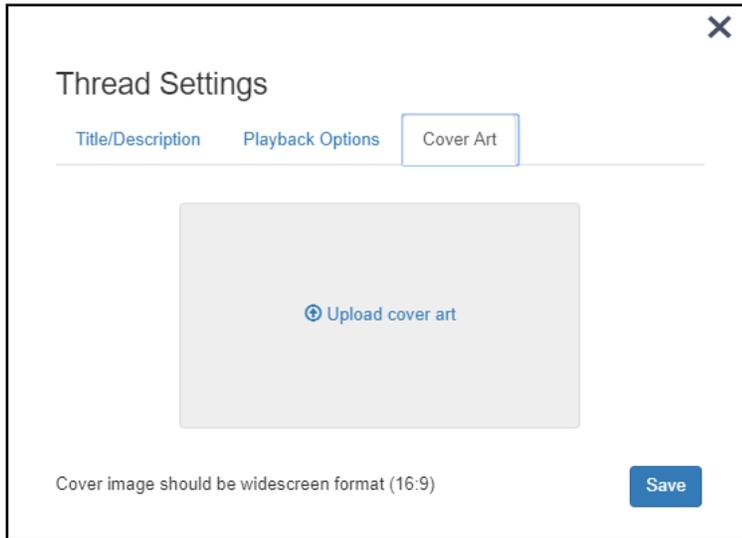
The screenshot shows the 'Thread Settings' dialog box with the 'Playback Options' tab selected. The 'Title/Description' and 'Cover Art' tabs are visible but not selected. The 'Playback Options' tab contains the following settings:

- Enable threaded commenting
- Allow commenters to add slides to this VoiceThread
- Allow others to download original media
- Allow others to export
- Start playing when opened
- Allow others to make a copy
- Enable Comment Moderation
- Automatically advance to the next slide after seconds
- Don't allow commenters to delete their own comments
- Limit each comment to minutes seconds
- When recording, go to the next slide every minutes seconds
 - Pecha Kucha format
 - Ignite format
- Save as default

On the right side of the 'Playback Options' tab, there is a section titled 'Allowed Comment Methods' with the following options:

- Microphone
- Webcam
- Telephone
- File upload
- Text

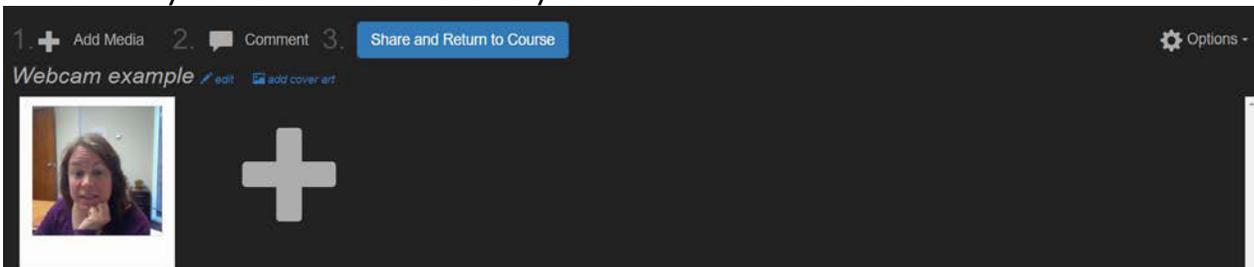
8. Add **Cover Art**.



Example: The Cover Art banner needs to be a widescreen format (16:9)



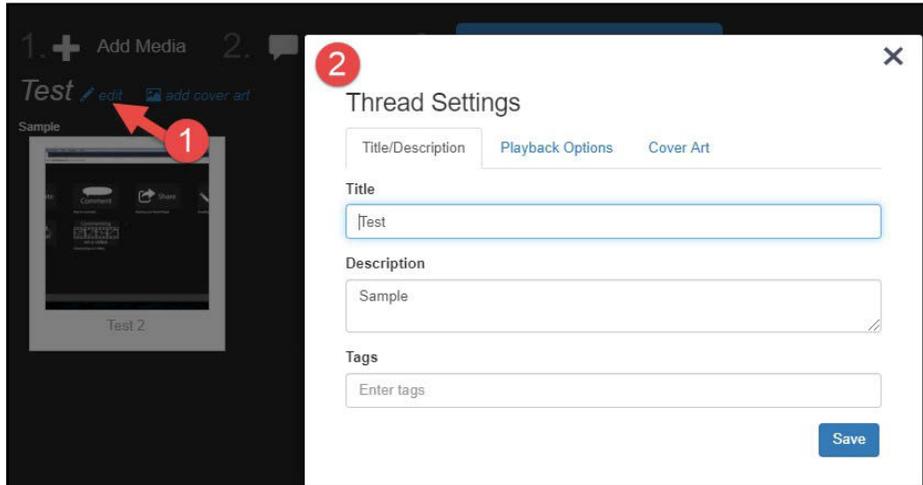
9. You'll see your VT is started and you can edit as needed.



Editing Your VoiceThread

Thread Options

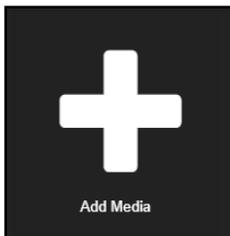
1. To edit the **Thread**, use the **edit** (pencil) icon to get to the **Thread Settings** menu.



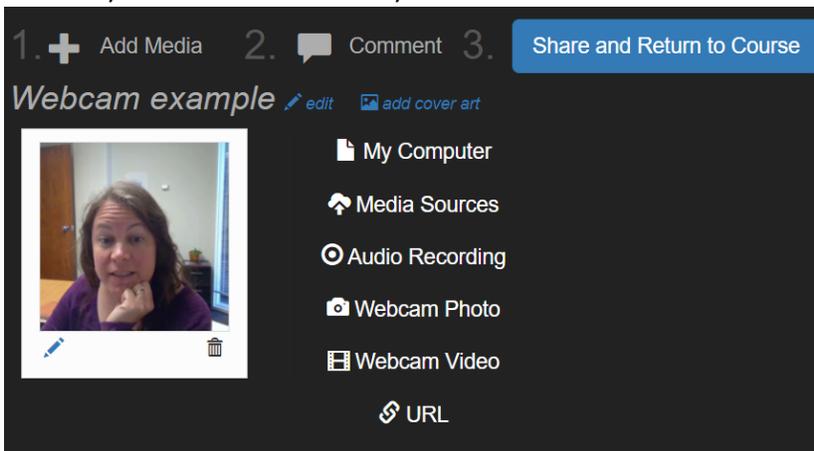
2. Adjust the **Title**, **Description**, and **Tags** as needed and click **Save**.

Slides

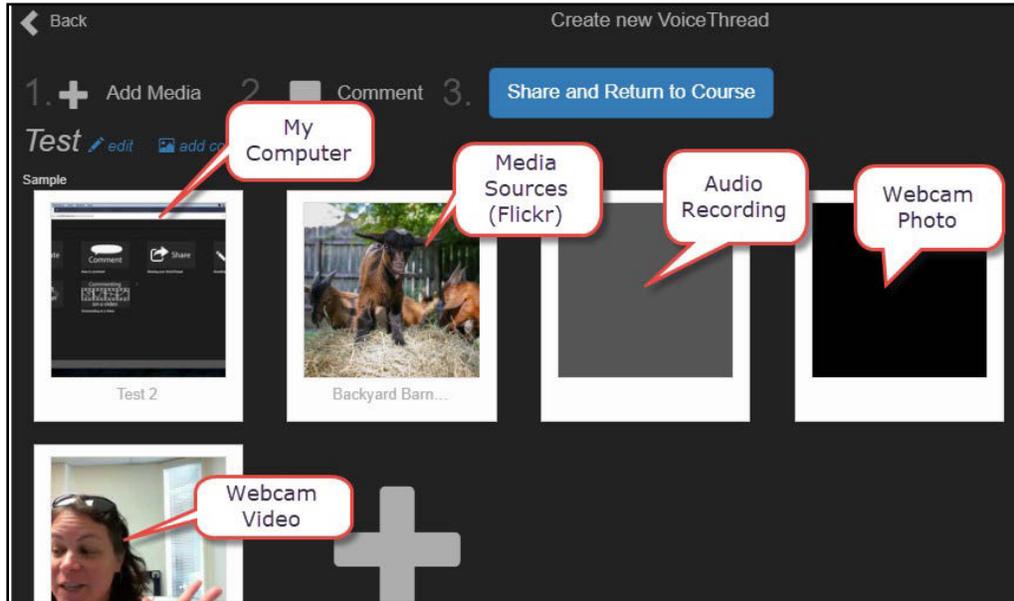
1. To add media and/or more slides: Click **Add Media**.



2. Select an option: **My Computer**, **Media Sources**, **Audio Recording**, **Webcam Photo**, **Webcam Video**, or **URL**.

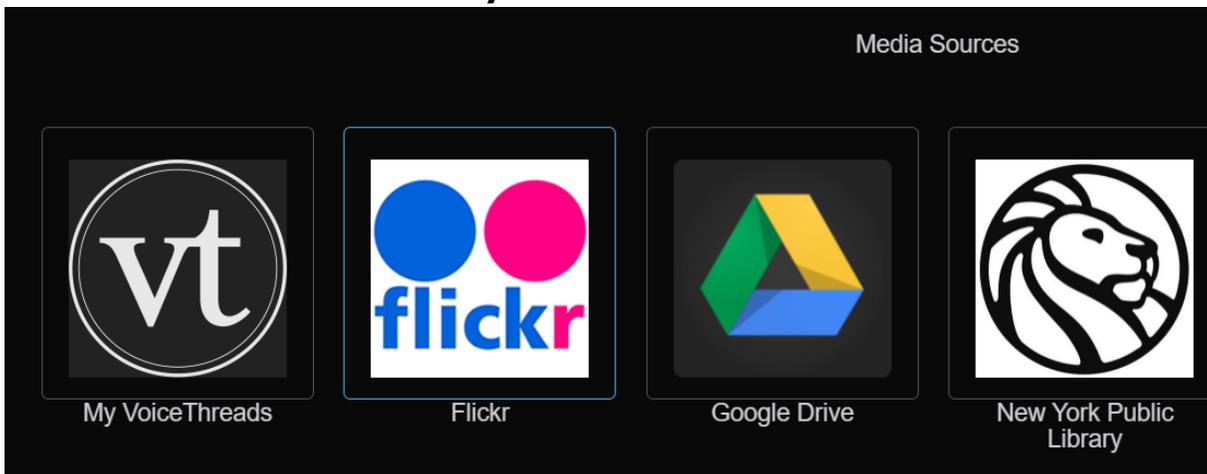


Samples with thumbnails:



Media Sources

Current media sources options include: **My VoiceThreads, Flickr, Google Drive,** and **New York Public Library.**



Note: You will need to connect your Google account if you use that option.