

# Software/Website Evaluation Form

Title of Software/Website: VoiceThread/ <http://voicethread.com>

Intended Grade Level: K-12, Post-secondary (collegiate level)

Content Area: All curriculum-based subjects

SA	A	D	SD	NA	Content
	X				The content is accurate.
	X				The objectives meet my curriculum needs.
	X				The reading level and vocabulary is appropriate for the intended user.
	X				The website/software has various levels of instruction for varied abilities.
SA	A	D	SD	NA	Technical Aspects
X					Uses the unique capabilities of the computer.
X					Sound can be turned off.
				X	Maintains a record of student performance/progress.
X					Instructions are clear.
				X	User can skip over familiar instructions.
SA	A	D	SD	NA	Design
X					Graphics and sound add to effectiveness of the program.
X					Screen format is well planned and consistent.
				X	Difficulty of instruction adjusts according to student response.
X					Feedback is effective and appropriate.
	X				Students can access menu to change activities.
	X				Responds to errors effectively.
SA	A	D	SD	NA	Support
X					Documentation is clear and comprehensive.
	X				Print materials are provided for students.
	X				Additional learning activities are suggested in the documentation.
SA	A	D	SD	NA	Motivation
X					Easy to use.
X					The students will like it.

Three things I liked about the website/software:

1. The layout displays the content well.
2. There are additional websites connected to the site specifically for higher education, language learning, professional development, and K-12.
3. The sample videos are effective in showing how to use the website.

### Three things I disliked about the website/software:

1. It doesn't appear to maintain a record of student performance; however I'm not sure if it should since it is a website and not a software program. Students and teachers can save their videos.
2. I didn't care for the blog and don't think it's necessary for this website.
3. There is not a contact number for support. All of it is done through email.

### My Overall Recommendation:

I recommend use of VoiceThread by teachers, students, therapists, and clinicians. It is a very creative website that allows for educational collaboration and learning in a fun, effective way. The website even states on the homepage, "leading universities, schools, museums, and businesses use VoiceThread to engage, collaborate, and connect. In the support section (<http://voicethread.com/support/resources/manuals/>), there are several links that provide ideas and help for use in K-12 and higher education classrooms. Due to the fact that teachers and students play different roles in involvement level of a multimedia project, this website is effective to use at all three levels. The only word of advice I offer is for the teacher to consider the learning style of his/her students before using the website but that rings true for any multimedia medium.