



An Overview of Voice Thread

<http://voicethread.com>

**What is Voice Thread?** Voice Thread is a collaborative, multimedia slideshow. It is web-based and free for educators. There is a paid education subscription, but a lot can be done with the free version.

**What can you do with a Voice Thread?** You can create a slideshow that you can narrate alone or with others. You can add audio or text comments to use the Voice Thread to demonstrate explain, analyze, discuss, critique and interpret.

*"The biggest limitation to productive classroom conversations is that only one person can talk at a time. Those conversations may leave some students unchallenged or unengaged. Voicethread conversations allow multiple students to comment at once—and allow for thinking to be challenged for many students."*

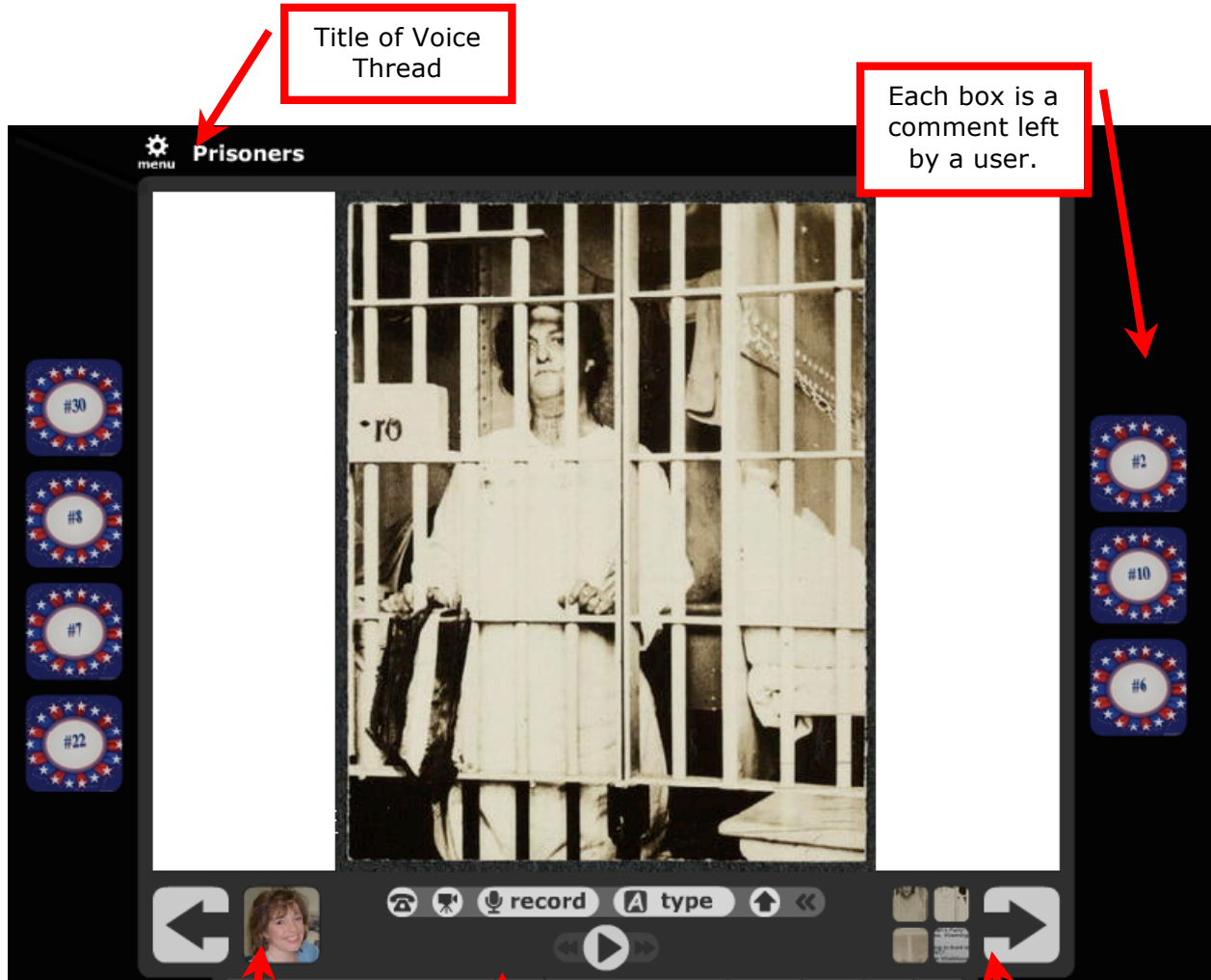
Bill Ferriter, NC 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher

**How hard is it to create a Voice Thread?** Once an account is created, there are three basic steps. First, upload pictures. Second, add initial comments. Third, name the Voice Thread and select sharing options.

**What about student privacy and security?** Voice Threads have multiple privacy and security settings. The Voice Thread can be completely private, open to invited members, or completely open and accessible. Comments can be open to all users, closed completely, moderated or unmoderated. Students can use Voice Thread through one teacher account through the use of identities. This allows teachers to control the use of Voice Thread but still allows for the sharing of student work.

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## Components of a Voice Thread



Title of Voice Thread

Each box is a comment left by a user.

Avatar of logged in user- clicking on the image allows you to change to a new identity (if identities have been created).

Clicking comment gives these options.

Navigation within the Voice Thread

