

VoiceThread Assignment: Reconnect Previous Assignment

A Guide for Educators

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VoiceThread is an application designed for people to have discussions about shared digital media. The tool can be used both individually and collaboratively. VoiceThread allows users to combine images, video, text, and audio to enable multimedia conversations.

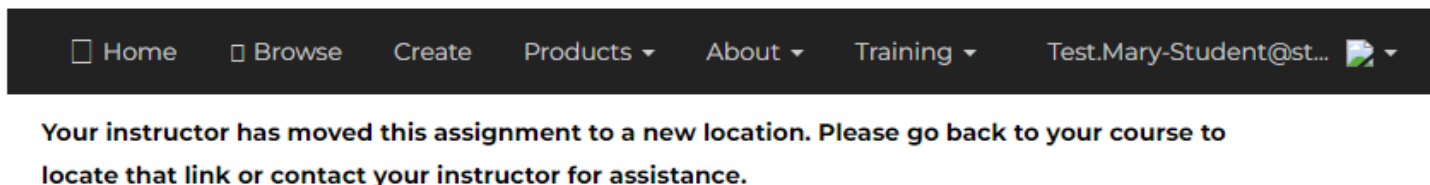
Utilize this guide to reuse an assignment within a course.

When to Use

This VoiceThread feature is useful should you accidentally delete a VoiceThread assignment in Canvas. **You cannot re-use an assignment from one course to another, only within the same course.**

When you recreate the assignment, any assignments graded within the VoiceThread grader will maintain their graded status with the score you assigned them prior. However, the Canvas gradebook **will not** repopulate the grades into the new assignment, **you will need to enter them manually into the gradebook.**

If the original assignment is still present in Canvas and students attempt to access the original assignment, they will receive an error message that it has been moved elsewhere, as seen below:



Step 1: Create the assignment in Canvas

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| 1. Go to the Assignments tab in the course navigation menu. | |
| 2. Use the + Assignment button to create a new assignment. | A screenshot of the Canvas assignment creation menu. It shows two buttons: "+ Group" and "+ Assignment". The "+ Assignment" button is highlighted with a red rectangular box. To the right of the "+ Assignment" button is a vertical ellipsis (three dots) indicating a dropdown menu. |
| 3. Insert title and instructions – Make sure this replicates the prior assignment or makes clear this is a reposted assignment. | A screenshot of the Canvas assignment creation form. It shows a text input field for "Assignment Name" and a rich text editor below it. The rich text editor has a toolbar with various formatting options like bold, italic, underline, and text color. |

4. Under Submission Type:
 - a. Submission Type = External Tool
 - b. Click **Find**
 - c. Scroll down & select VoiceThread from the list.
 - d. Click **Select**
 - e. Click **Save** after defining all assignment settings.

Submission Type: External Tool

External Tool Options

Enter or find an External Tool URL

http://www.example.com/launch

Find

Load This Tool In A New Tab

Configure External Tool

Select a tool from the list below, or enter a URL for an external tool you already know is configured with Basic LTI to add a link to it to this module.

- Studio: Video for Education
- Turnitin Framework: Unavailable for use as external tool
- VoiceThread**
- WileyPLUS: WileyPLUS is a research-based online environment for effective teaching and learning

Cancel Select

5. Select **Assignment Builder** in the VoiceThread menu window.

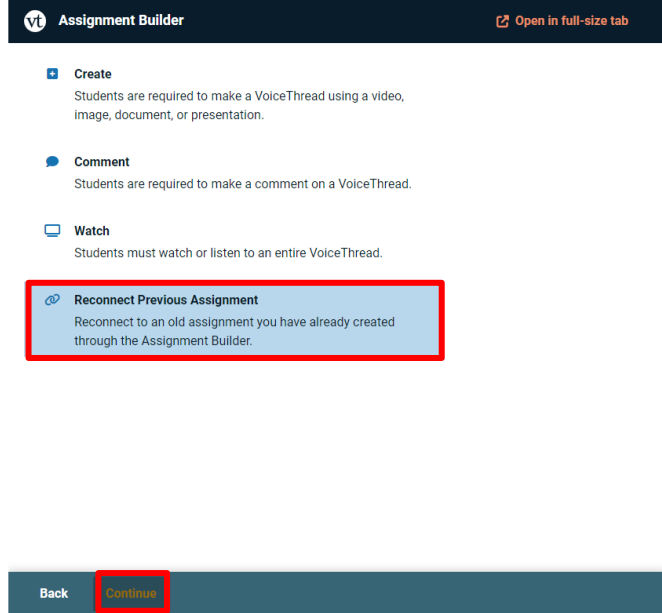
Choose an activity type

- Assignment Builder**: Create a graded assignment requiring students to create / comment on / watch a VoiceThread.
- Individual VoiceThread: Display a single VoiceThread.
- Course View: Display all the VoiceThreads shared with this course.
- VT Home Page: Display all VoiceThreads and all courses a student is enrolled in.

Continue

Step 2: Create Assignment Settings in VoiceThread

1. Click **Reconnect Previous Assignment** and then click **Continue**.



vt Assignment Builder Open in full-size tab

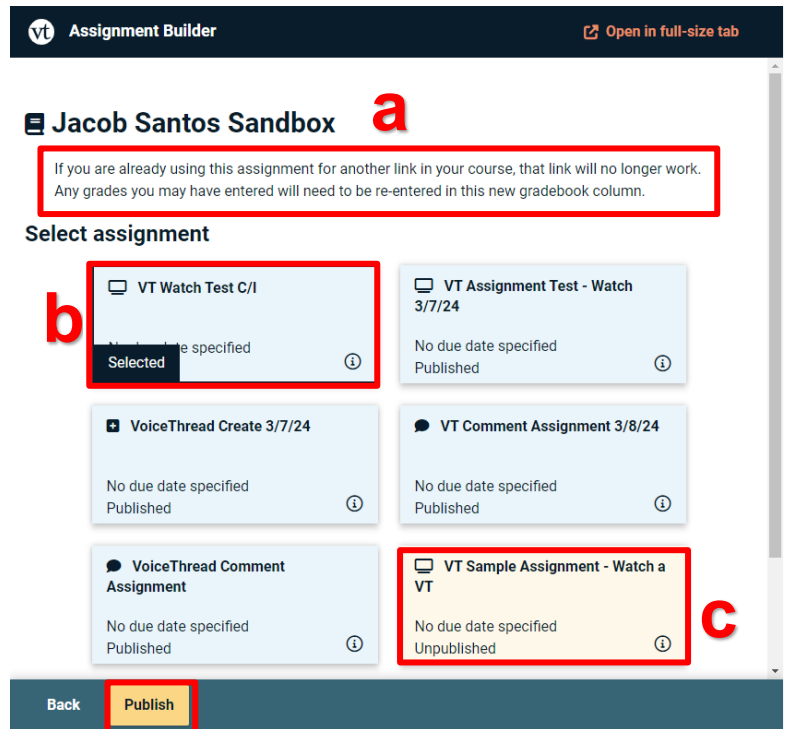
- Create**
Students are required to make a VoiceThread using a video, image, document, or presentation.
- Comment**
Students are required to make a comment on a VoiceThread.
- Watch**
Students must watch or listen to an entire VoiceThread.
- Reconnect Previous Assignment**
Reconnect to an old assignment you have already created through the Assignment Builder.

Back **Continue**

2. Choose Your Assignment by clicking on the assignment you want to repost.
 - a. Warning message regarding assignment grades needing to be re-entered into the new assignment column.
 - b. Blue Assignments – already set up and published.
 - c. Yellow Assignments – assignments you have not finished configuring.

Once selected, click **Publish**. You will be brought back to your Canvas Assignments.

To view the assignment, select it from the assignments page.



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Jacob Santos Sandbox **a**

If you are already using this assignment for another link in your course, that link will no longer work. Any grades you may have entered will need to be re-entered in this new gradebook column.

Select assignment

- b** VT Watch Test C/I
No due date specified
Selected
- VT Assignment Test - Watch 3/7/24
No due date specified
Published
- VoiceThread Create 3/7/24
No due date specified
Published
- VT Comment Assignment 3/8/24
No due date specified
Published
- VoiceThread Comment Assignment
No due date specified
Published
- c** VT Sample Assignment - Watch a VT
No due date specified
Unpublished

Back **Publish**

Grading VoiceThread Assignments

Any submitted and graded assignments from prior postings will have their grades saved within the VoiceThread grader. The appearance and layout of the grader remain the same and are unchanged based on the assignment type you built: create, comment, or watch.

Remember: Canvas will not auto-populate prior grades into the new column; they will need to be entered manually.

VoiceThread Help

- [VT Guide – Instructors](#)
- [VT Guide – Reconnecting an Assignment](#)
- [VT Guides – Grading Assignments](#)
- Campus Specific Support: Available Monday – Friday 8 AM – 6 PM
 - ❖ Contact the Academic Commons' Educational Technology Support team at EdTech.Support@lists.jefferson.edu or call (215) 503-2830.