I. History

-Questions to consider: How was the application developed? How does the application work? Are there any ways to use this application alongside others?

Kathleen: The Web 2.0 application, VoiceThread, was designed at the University of North Carolina.

Kathleen: For those who will be doing in-depth research, this is a good website. Look at the PDF attachment. Remember, everything must be put into your own words! [http://www.educause.edu/ELI/7ThingsYouShouldKnowAboutVoice/173329](http://www.educause.edu/ELI/7ThingsYouShouldKnowAboutVoice/173329)

Kayla: I found this PDF and it has just a lot of different information that I think could be very helpful in some parts of our project. [http://www.edsupport.cc/mguhlin/share/uploads/Work/mguhlin_voicehreadtutorial.pdf](http://www.edsupport.cc/mguhlin/share/uploads/Work/mguhlin_voicehreadtutorial.pdf)


Fionnuala: Voicethread - a web based, digital, collaborative 'story board' type site that allows users to share audio, video, photo, and texts together. Visitors are encouraged to comment on such stories/pictures/texts etc. using one or all of the 5 available methods. Is a great educational tool as it is very user friendly [http://scyuen.wordpress.com/2008/01/14/voicethread/](http://scyuen.wordpress.com/2008/01/14/voicethread/)

II. How "VoiceThread" Relates to other Applications

-Questions to consider: How does this application compare to the competitors? What are some unique uses of this specific application?

Elana: Though we will want to do thorough research on VoiceThread and its competing applications, this following site gives a great slideshow which describes the advantages of our Web 2.0 tool (and the disadvantages). Ironically enough, this presentation was made on a competitor site; however, it is useful nonetheless. [http://www.slideshare.net/guestf48b0c/voicethread-1845048](http://www.slideshare.net/guestf48b0c/voicethread-1845048)

Jeremy: Voicethread allows you to transform different resources into a Voicethread, capturing people's viewpoints. This can include anything from photo albums to home videos [http://venturebeat.com/2007/03/23/voicethread-launches-group-audio-blogging/](http://venturebeat.com/2007/03/23/voicethread-launches-group-audio-blogging/)

Anthony: This website shows the competitors of voicethread and how similar they are to it. Also gives a small summary about what voicethread is all about. [http://www.web2review.com/site/3652-VoiceThread/competitors/](http://www.web2review.com/site/3652-VoiceThread/competitors/)

http://voicethread.com/?#qll. Real World Application

-This section will include 3 Lesson Plans for each Elementary, Secondary, and Post Secondary levels. One out of the three needs to be STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) related.

-An additional section under this heading will provide information about how this application can be used in a Business/Industry Setting.

Kathleen : On the voicethread.com website, I found a bunch of articles that give ideas on how Voicethread can be used for various projects. It contains a list of successful projects using voicethread. Here is the website: [http://voice thread.com/community/library/](http://voice thread.com/community/library/)

Kathleen : VoiceThread also has a twitter account where people can post how voicethread was useful in their real life applications. Here is the link: [http://twitter.com/voicethread](http://twitter.com/voicethread)

Anthony: [http://thinkingmachine.pbworks.com/w/page/22187721/Think-VoiceThreads](http://thinkingmachine.pbworks.com/w/page/22187721/Think-VoiceThreads) This website gives 100 different ways to use voicethread in education. It also gives suggestions of different subjects it can be used in.

IV. Demonstration of Educational Value

Emily: Voicethread combines aspects of learning in a traditional class room with qualities of taking an online course. It allows you to interact with others while at the comfort and convenience of a computer.

Elana: Here is a really great site made by a teacher that involves a lot of detailed instruction not only on how to use Voicethread, but also on how to incorporate it in the classroom. [http://digitallyspeaking.pbworks.com/VoiceThread](http://digitallyspeaking.pbworks.com/VoiceThread)

Fionnuala: I came across this great teacher on teachertube. She demonstrates how voicethread can be applied to the classroom in a variety of different settings for differing educational levels e.g. she demonstrates on video where she used the tool with a junior infants class (your Kindergartens), and at elementary level and for teaching a ELL student.

Jim: This site seems useful to me, it brings together a comprehensive collection of VoiceThread examples showing how educators are using Voicethread in their classrooms or for professional development.
http://voicethread4educators.wikispaces.com

Jeremy: Voicethread can be a great tool for engaging more students in classroom discussion and activity. It can be used for many different content matters.

Emily: Voicethread is a great way for teachers to get ideas for lesson plan reviews, teaching guides, and more.
http://teachinghistory.org/teaching-materials

Emily: Today's generation thrives when able to use technology. Sadly, it is no where near as common for a child to pick up a book and read for enjoyment as it once was. Voicethread allows learning to become fun, appealing, and interactive in an enjoyable way.
http://voicethread.com/?#q+books.b579

Kayla: This is a video explaining how Voicethread can be used by educators. http://www.teachindy.com/watch_video.php?v=a122b60f611103

Kayla: This is a step by step guide for educators on how to use Voicethread, I thought it would be helpful for those who wanted to use Voicethread to make a lesson plan http://www.docstoc.com/docs/4289544/VoiceThread-Educators-Guide

Jim: This website makes an interesting comment on how using VoiceThread helps the more timid student become more actively involved in a group discussion and in a class lesson situation, which can only be a good thing from a teachers point of view.
http://www.edutopia.org/voicethread-interactive-multimedia-albums

http://voicethread.com/?#q+books.b579V. How "Voicethread" is used Internationally?

- Provide examples and/or information about how this application can be used in countries outside of the United States.

Elana: The following website shows examples of how teachers throughout the globe utilize this Web 2.0 tool. A common use is bringing international students together in some way, but there also ways in which the teachers/professors use it in their own classrooms, varying from foreign language to cooking. http://voicethread4education.wikispaces.com/EFL+%26+ESL#Using%20VoiceThread%20for%20an%20international%20collaborative%20project

Jim: Attached is a website showing the application of VoiceThread in Australia,
http://education.qld.gov.au/learningplace/communication/voicethread/about.html

Emily: Classroom 2.0 ( http://www.classroom20.com/ ) is a social network for people interested in Web 2.0 and social media. Voicethread allows people from all over the globe to introduce them selves and comment about their experiences and opinions and education.
http://voicethread.com/?#q

Anthony: This website explains how voicethread could be used for international students to practice their speaking skills. http://wikieducator.org/Using_Voicethread_for_practising_speaking_skills

VI. References

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