

The Important Book Project

A project for 2nd Grade students

In the classroom:

Students are introduced to “The Important Book” by Margaret Wise Brown. Note the pattern of the writing. Students will work together in groups (4 or 5) to make their own Important Books. Each student prepares a page. Important books could be about...

- Family
- School
- Our Country
- The Earth

They write their sentences in class and bring their completed sentences to the lab for typing.

In the computer lab:

Power Point (two 30 minute class periods)


1. Students get a very basic intro to Power Point. They type their sentences onto a slide.

2. Students click on the “clip art man” and add pictures to their slides. When finished, the teacher or lab assistant saves their slides as JPEG images in a common folder on the server.

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is that they teach students.**

- Teachers are nice to students.
- Teachers read books to their class.
- Teachers teach math and handwriting.

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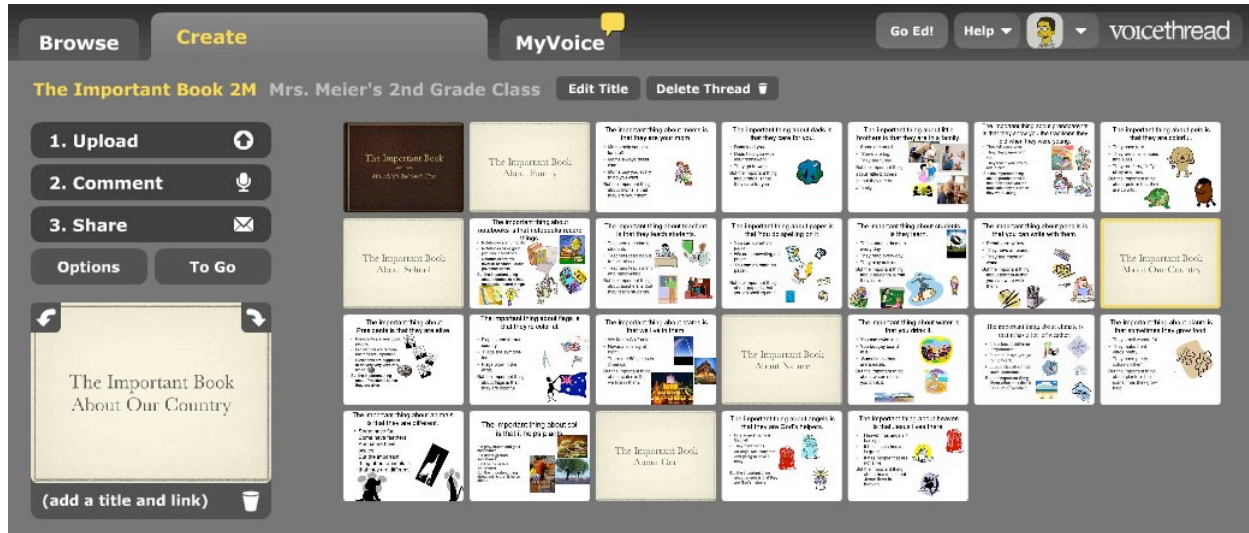
Voicethread (two 30 minute class periods)

Preparation: Students slides are uploaded to a Voicethread presentation. A separate Voicethread identity has been created for the class. Students will use this identity when adding their comments. Three computer lab machines are set up with webcams and microphones, and logged into Voicethread.

Students enter the lab and the process of finding their slide and adding a video comment are demonstrated. Three students are selected to record while the others

complete their unfinished slides or work on something else. It takes about 2 class periods to record the whole class.

The teacher can use Voicethread to rearrange the slides and add title slides created in Power Point and saved as JPEGs.



When completed the Voicethread can be embedded on the class web page or shared with parents as a web link.

Parents not only see the student's writing, they get to see and hear their student read what they wrote.

