#### The role of science in schools

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Q1: What is the role of schools? (10 marks)



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Q2: What is the role of science? (10 marks)



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Q3: What is science anyway? (50 marks)



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#### What is science anyway?

Computer Science Geology

Design and Technology Health and Social Care (applied)

**Economics** ICT

Electronics Physical Education

General Studies Psychology

Geography Sociology

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#### "The dual mandate"

"...in 1869... the recently formed National Education League began its campaign for free, compulsory and non-religious education for all children.

The views expressed by industrialists that mass education was vital to the nation's ability to maintain its lead in manufacture carried considerable weight in Parliament. A Bill which met many, but not all, of the League's wishes was drafted and introduced by W. E. Forster, and quickly passed."

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### The Uses of Science Literacy



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#### Who's on the bandwagon?

STM (scientific, technical, and mathematics)

STM (science, technology, and medicine; or scientific, technical, and medical)

eSTEM (environmental STEM)

iSTEM (Invigorating Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics); identifies new ways to teach STEM-related fields.

METALS (STEAM + Logic)

STREM (Science, Technology, Robotics, Engineering and Mathematics); adds robotics as a field

STREM (Science, Technology, Robotics, Engineering and Multimedia); adds Media as a field

STREAM (science, technology, Robotics, engineering, and mathematics); adds robotics field

STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics)

STEAM (science, technology, engineering and applied mathematics); more focus on applied mathematics

GEMS (Girls in Engineering, Math, and Science); used for programs to encourage females into these science fields

BEMS (Boys in Engineering, Math, and Science); used for programs to encourage males into these science fields

STEMM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medicine)

AMSEE (Applied math, science, engineering, and entrepreneurship)

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#### The epiphanic paradigm

Our activity

Student's skills and abilities

Students' life choices

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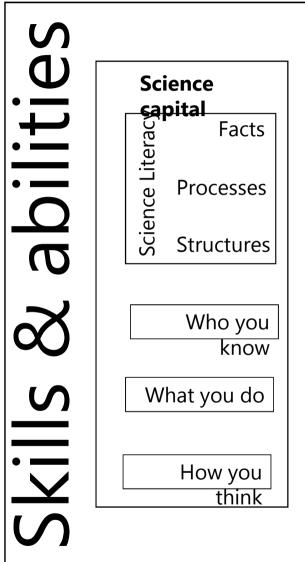
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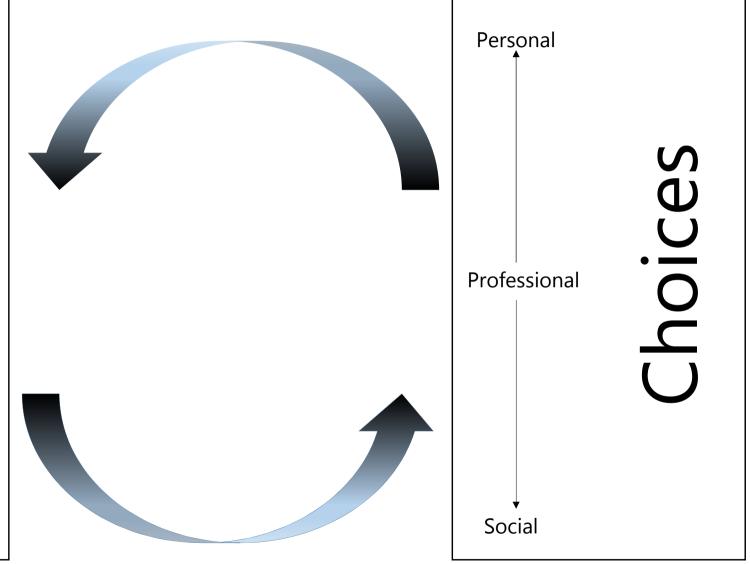
Diversity, equity, and "Science Capital"



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cf Bourdieu "capital" / Sen "capability"

cf Bourdieu "habitus"/Sen "functioning"

# How the Ri's programme fits together

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