

VOICES Rap 2019 (Lyrics)

Verse 1: The Mission

Okay, let's take a look at the mission,
our goals are the first thing to introduce,
to **provide a resource and professional development**
and ways to **reduce barriers to use**;

we want to **encourage, a research base**,
that can **inform practice** and take it further
and **support best practices and principles**,
for promoting the engagement of diverse learners;

You don't have to write a rap or sing,
there's a whole lot of things you can do instead...
...'Cos we're **establishing links across disciplines**
and other arts integration efforts in STEM...

...**education**; So that's the name of the game,
they're bored and got fading attention, so let's entertain,
they're tired of the same arrangements again and again,
so we're **raising an awareness of all our aims**.

So what's the purpose of **VOICES** then?
To **increase student learning in-STEM**,
through the use of song; to keep the vision strong,
we put this annual online conference on,
A.. **virtual venue** for **sharing practices**,
methods and results and what else you can add to this,
musical mission, so just take a listen,
and gather around if your down with the vision,

Verse 2: The Vision

There are **4 initiatives** to keep in mind,
We need a **survey to establish a baseline**
of **how Songs in STEM are used and why**,
or **the barriers preventing you from having a try**,

But to **grow the song in stem community**,
A **vehicle, for communication is key**,
So we can **distribute research** and keep informed
of evidence, opportunities, events and more!

Networking, well that's the next on the list
developing collaborations and relationships,
and communities of practice, support networks,
Webinars and **study groups** to **do research**

Now to **access classroom-ready resources**
like lesson plans, videos and teaching tips
the **Digital library** provides the service,
and an evidence basis with relevant links

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