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Hypatia

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Hypatia of Alexandria (350 - 415) Greek mathematician and educator.

The daughter of Theon of Alexandria, Hypatia was allowed to study subjects most contemporary women were not allowed to. Theon wrote commentaries on the works of Diophantus, Ptolemy, and Apollonius. Some historians believe some of these may have been written by Hypatia, but there has been no proof of this. Hypatia was murdered in an intrigue involving a skirmish between Jews and Christians. The one woman in Raphael's painting *The School of Athens* is said to be Hypatia.

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