

# Where Is Epicurus In The "School of Athens"?

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[Elli](#) I see this section from the Wikipedia article but I have never seen pictures of any of these preliminary sketches. Have you found them and checked to see whether there are any details in the figures that would bear on your thesis?

## Drawings and cartoon [\[ edit \]](#)

A number of drawings made by Raphael as studies for the *School of Athens* are extant.<sup>[13]</sup> A study for the Diogenes is in the *Städel* in *Frankfurt*<sup>[14]</sup> while a study for the group around Pythagoras, in the lower left of the painting, is preserved in the *Albertina* Museum in *Vienna*.<sup>[15]</sup> Several drawings, showing the two men talking while walking up the steps on the right and the *Medusa* on Athena's shield,<sup>[16][a]</sup> the statue of Athena (Minerva) and three other statues,<sup>[18]</sup> a study for the combat scene in the relief below Apollo<sup>[19]</sup> and "Euclid" teaching his pupils<sup>[20]</sup> are in the *Ashmolean Museum of Art and Archaeology* at the *University of Oxford*.

The *cartoon* for the painting is in the *Pinacoteca Ambrosiana* in *Milan*.<sup>[21]</sup> Missing from it is the architectural background, the figures of Heraclitus, Raphael, and Protagenes. The group of the philosophers in the left foreground strongly recall figures from Leonardo's *Adoration of the Magi*.<sup>[22]</sup> Additionally, there are some engravings of the scene's sculptures by *Marcantonio Raimondi*; they may have been based on lost drawings by Raphael, as they do not match the fresco exactly.<sup>[23]</sup>

