

Themista of Lampsacus

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So Leontion wrote something against Theophrastus I believe we have heard -- do we know anything in particular associated with Themista (or as to specifically why Epicurus was praising her?)

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Themista of [Lampsacus](#) (Greek: Θेमίστη), the wife of [Leonteus](#), was a student of [Epicurus](#), early in the 3rd century BC.[1] Epicurus' school was unusual in the 3rd century, in that it allowed women to attend, and we also hear of [Leontion](#) attending Epicurus' school around the same time. [Cicero](#) ridicules Epicurus for writing "countless volumes in praise of Themista," instead of more worthy men such as [Miltiades](#), [Themistocles](#) or [Epaminondas](#). [2] Themista and Leonteus named their son Epicurus. [3]

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1. [^](#) Diogenes Laertius, x. 25, 26
2. [^](#) Cicero, *De Finibus*, 2. 21. 68
3. [^](#) Diogenes Laertius, x. 26