



## **Alice Zimmern 1855-1939**

### **Writer**

Alice was born in Nottingham to a lace merchant who was a German immigrant. She was privately educated before studying Classics at Girton college Cambridge and then she became a teacher and tutor. She translated some of the classics for children before writing books on ancient Roman and Greek history which were very popular and were reprinted several times over. She regularly wrote journal articles on comparative education and the education of women.

In 1893 she was awarded a Gilchrist scholarship to study the US education system and wrote *Methods of Education in America* in 1894. Her book *Women's Suffrage in Many Lands* (1909) and *The Renaissance of Girls' Education* (1898) made big contributions to the debate on the education and rights of women.

Much of her research was done in the British Museum where she associated with suffragists and Fabians such as Edith Bland, Eleanor Marx, and Beatrice Potter. Other works by Zimmern include *Demand and Achievement. The International Women's Suffrage Movement* (1912), a translation of Paul Kajus von Hoesbroech's *Fourteen Years a Jesuit* (1911), and *Gods and Heroes of the North* (1907) She lived in Hampstead in her later years where she died in 1939