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**Astrolabe**      ἀστρολάβος *astrolábos*;      : الأُسْطُرْلَابُ *al-Aṣṭurlāb*; : ستاره‌یاب  
*Setāreyābi*  
astronomical instrument      handheld universe.      functions  
**inclinometer** and      analog calculation device      problems  
in astronomy.      simplest metal disc  
a pattern      wires, **cutouts**, perforations      to  
calculate astronomical positions precisely.      to  
measure      above the horizon  
time (and vice versa),      survey, to **triangulate**.      used **classical**  
**antiquity**, the Islamic Golden **Age**, the European Middle **Ages** and the **Age** of  
Discovery for all these purposes.

*\*This fragment, which we believe to have come from one of the latter day entries in what was known as 'Wikipedia' (circa 2000-2030), gives valuable insight into Hypatia's legacy. We believe this instrument, which she likely helped to design, was ultimately what removed her from history.*

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