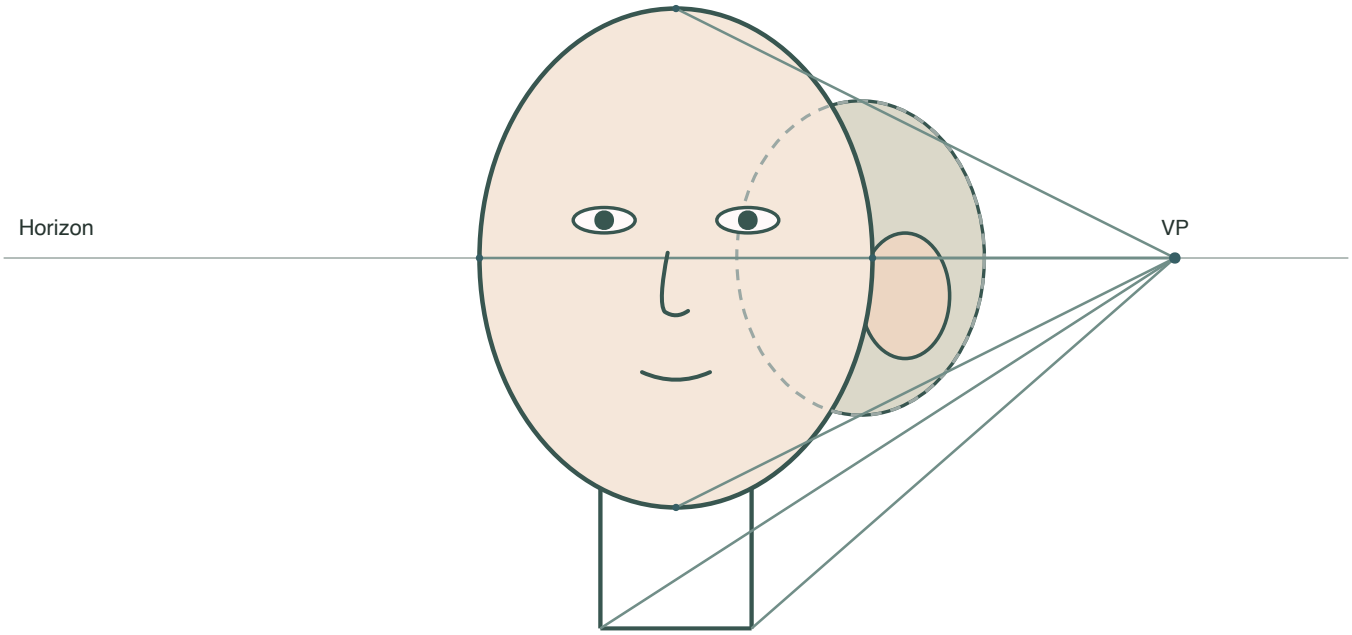
Draw a One-Point Perspective Portrait

Reference | Worked example | LETTER

Original prompt

Construct a front-facing portrait head in one-point perspective with the vanishing point to the right, and check the projection.



The dashed curve shows the rear skull. The side guides share the horizon.

Answer

Eye-level line drawn; vanishing point marked to the right; front oval centered on the eye-level line; four depth lines from top, bottom, and both sides of the oval all meeting at the vanishing point; back of skull connected along the depth marks; ear placed on the side nearest the vanishing point; neck drawn as two lines toward the vanishing point. Check passes because all depth lines meet at one point and features stay on the front oval.

Reasoning

The front oval stays parallel to the picture plane, so features are not foreshortened. Depth is shown only by lines running to the single vanishing point, which is why the back of the skull shifts toward that point.

Check

Trace each depth line with a straight edge; all must pass through the same vanishing point, and the ear must sit on the side nearest that point.