Draw a Gladiator: Armor, Stance, and Proportion Guide

Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

Using a six-unit height, place the hip line and knee line. State their distances from the baseline in units.

Answer: Hip line at three units; knee line at one and a half units.

Reason: Half of six is three for the hip; one quarter of six is one and a half for the knee, matching the proportion guide.

Check: Measure from baseline to each mark with a ruler or paper strip; confirm three and one and a half units.

Task 2

A shield is drawn four units tall on an eight-unit figure. What is the recommended height and the difference?

Answer: Recommended height about three units; difference one unit too tall.

Reason: The guide uses about three head units for shield height as a hypothetical example; four minus three equals one.

Check: Compare shield height to three head units; subtract to find the one-unit difference.

Task 3

The front foot is two units forward and the back foot is zero units back. Describe the corrected stance using one-unit offsets.

Answer: Move the front foot back to one unit forward and move the back foot to one unit back.

Reason: The stance guide uses about one unit forward and one unit back; two forward is too far and zero back removes the split.

Check: Measure each foot offset from the center line; confirm one unit forward and one unit back.

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Original tasks 4 / complete keys

Task 4

Greaves are drawn from hip to ankle on a figure with hip at four units and ankle at half a unit. State the correct start and end and the length in units.

Answer: Start at knee (two units) and end at ankle (half a unit); length one and a half units.

Reason: Greaves cover knee to ankle; two minus half equals one and a half units.

Check: Measure from knee mark to ankle mark; confirm one and a half units and that the start is at the knee, not the hip.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Figure height uses a consistent head unit from baseline to head midline.
- [ ] Stance shows feet separated forward and back by about one unit each with slight knee bends.
- [ ] Helmet overlaps the head oval and leaves a visible face gap.
- [ ] Shield height is about three head units and overlaps the torso.
- [ ] Greaves run from knee to ankle on both legs.
- [ ] Line weight separates silhouette from interior details.
- [ ] Valid alternatives such as shield shape or crest style are accepted if proportions and stance remain clear.

Reflection: What did you check, what did you change, and what will you try next?