Draw an Anime Male: Stylized Head, Hair Mass, and Body Proportions

Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

A head unit H is 4 cm. Using the seven-head convention, calculate the shoulder, waist, hip, knee, and foot levels downward from the skull top.

Answer: Shoulders 6 cm; waist 12 cm; hips 14 cm; knees 20 cm; feet 28 cm.

Reason: Multiply H by 1.5, 3, 3.5, 5, and 7 respectively, keeping centimeters consistent.

Check: Verify that the foot level equals 7 times 4 cm, and that each level increases in the stated order.

Task 2

A drawing has eyes placed one-quarter of the way from the midline to the baseline. State whether this matches the lesson convention and give a correction.

Answer: It does not match. Move the eyes to the horizontal midline or just below it, then recheck the nose at one-third and mouth at two-thirds.

Reason: The convention places eyes on or just below the midline, not one-quarter down toward the baseline.

Check: Measure from midline to baseline and confirm the eye line is at or very near the midline.

Task 3

A hair drawing shows many separate strands but no clear outer silhouette. Describe a two-mass fix and one check.

Answer: Draw a crown mass over the skull and a side mass from temple to jawline, then add a few directional lines inside. Check that the crown rises about half an x above the skull top and that bangs do not hide the eye midline.

Reason: Mass first, strands second, keeps the silhouette readable and preserves facial guides.

Check: Trace the outer hair silhouette with a finger; it should form two or three clear masses around the skull.

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Task 4

A figure has shoulder width of one head width and a waist of two head widths. Identify the proportion problem and give a corrected target.

Answer: The shoulders are too narrow and the waist is too wide for the stylized male convention. Target shoulders near two head widths and a waist near one and a half head widths.

Reason: The lesson uses a broader shoulder and tapered waist to read as a stylized male torso.

Check: Measure shoulder width and waist width in head widths and compare with the target values.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Head shape is a rounded wedge with a clear midline and baseline.
- [ ] Eyes sit on or just below the horizontal midline with consistent spacing.
- [ ] Nose and mouth follow the one-third and two-thirds placement.
- [ ] Hair is built as two or three overlapping masses that cover the skull and frame the face.
- [ ] Body units use one measured H and stack to the stated ratio.
- [ ] Shoulder width and waist taper are consistent with the chosen stylized male proportion.
- [ ] Valid alternatives in hair silhouette or eye shape are accepted when measured relationships hold.

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