Face Contour and Highlight: Drawing Light Direction

Topic reference / ordinary illustration



Ordinary topic reference. Hypothetical dimensions in the four tasks are supplied in their own text; this illustration is not their measured answer.

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Worked example / complete source key

A face oval is drawn with a light-direction arrow pointing from the upper left toward the lower right. Place three contour marks and three highlights using the lesson convention.

Answer: Place a highlight on the upper-left forehead, the upper-left cheek, and the left side of the nose bridge. Place a thin broken contour line on the right side of the forehead where it turns toward the temple, on the right side of the nose bridge, and on the lower-right chin where it turns away from the light. Count: three highlights on the light side, three contour marks on the shadow side. Turn the page so the arrow points up; highlights face upward and contour lines sit on lower turning edges.