Sharecropper Drawing: Figure, Hoe, Rows and Cabin Backdrop

Original tasks 1, 2 / complete keys

Task 1

On a sheet with a horizon line 7 cm from the top, draw a figure 10 cm tall standing between two field rows. Place the hoe handle from the upper hand to the ground and make the blade touch the ground line. Describe where the cabin base should sit relative to the horizon line and give one size check.

Answer: The cabin base should sit below the horizon line, on the ground plane behind the figure, off to one side of the figure. A size check is to compare cabin height to the 10 cm figure height; the cabin should be smaller at the same apparent distance. Hypothetical example: a cabin 4 cm tall is acceptable if its base sits below the horizon line.

Reason: The horizon line fixes the backdrop position, and comparing cabin height to figure height keeps the scene readable. The hoe blade must touch the ground so the tool reads as working.

Check: Measure the figure height and cabin height with a ruler. Confirm the hoe blade touches the ground line and the cabin base is below the horizon line, not on it.

Task 2

Draw three field rows converging to a vanishing area. The nearest row gap at the bottom edge is 3 cm. Choose two smaller gaps for the next rows and state them. Check that the row lines do not cross before the vanishing area.

Answer: Hypothetical example gaps: 3 cm, 2 cm and 1.5 cm. The row lines should converge toward the vanishing area without crossing earlier. Extend the lines lightly with a ruler to confirm they meet near the vanishing area.

Reason: Decreasing gaps suggest depth. The check ensures the perspective is consistent rather than accidental.

Check: Measure each gap at the bottom edge with a ruler. Extend the row lines and confirm they meet near the vanishing area without crossing before that point.

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Original tasks 3, 4 / complete keys

Task 3

A figure is 14 cm tall. The learner draws a cabin 8 cm tall with its base below the horizon line. State whether the cabin is too large and give one adjustment. Then state one check for the hoe handle.

Answer: The cabin at 8 cm is more than half the figure height, so it may look too large at the same apparent distance. Reduce it to about 5 cm or move it farther back. These are hypothetical example values. For the hoe handle, check that it passes through both hands and reaches the ground line.

Reason: A backdrop should not dominate the figure. Comparing heights gives a simple check. The hoe handle check ensures the tool connects to the pose.

Check: Measure cabin height and figure height with a ruler. Confirm the handle line passes through both hand positions and ends at or near the ground line.

Task 4

Draw a sharecropper figure with a hoe, two field rows and a cabin backdrop on a 15 cm by 20 cm sheet. Use a horizon line 6 cm from the top and place the cabin base below it. After drawing, list two rubric checks you would apply and state one valid alternative you would accept.

Answer: Two rubric checks: the hoe blade touches or nearly touches the ground, and the field rows converge without crossing earlier. A valid alternative is a different blade shape, provided it connects to the handle and sits near the ground. Hypothetical example: a blade drawn as a trapezoid instead of a rectangle is acceptable.

Reason: The rubric focuses on placement and connection rather than a single universal shape. Accepting valid alternatives keeps the check fair while preserving readability.

Check: Measure the horizon line position and the figure height. Confirm the blade is within 1 cm of the ground line, the cabin base is below the horizon line, and extend the row lines to check convergence.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Figure height and head-unit divisions are marked and checked with a ruler or marked strip.
- [ ] The pose shows weight on the back leg and the front foot angled toward the hoe.
- [ ] The hoe handle connects to both hands and the blade touches or nearly touches the ground.
- [ ] Field rows converge toward the vanishing area without crossing earlier.
- [ ] The cabin base sits below the horizon line on the ground plane, and the cabin is smaller than the figure at the same apparent distance.
- [ ] Construction lines are light and final contour lines are confident and continuous, so the figure, hoe, rows and cabin read clearly.

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