Draw a Standing Figure with a Trident and Layered Color

Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

A figure has feet on the baseline and head at the midline. The body axis is divided into eight equal segments. Shoulder line is at segment two from the top, hip line at segment four, knee line at segment five. Where is the hip line measured from the top?

Answer: Segment four from the top.

Reason: The axis is divided into eight equal segments; counting from the top, the fourth segment marks the hip line.

Check: Count the segments from the top mark to the hip mark and confirm it is the fourth.

Task 2

A trident shaft is drawn parallel to the body axis. The shaft is held at hip height and extends above the head and below the hand. The three prong tips are at heights 12 cm, 12 cm, and 11 cm from the baseline. Are the tips level? If not, what is the difference?

Answer: No, they are not level. The difference is 1 cm.

Reason: Two tips are at 12 cm and one is at 11 cm; the lowest differs by 12 minus 11 equals 1 cm.

Check: Subtract the lowest height from the highest height and confirm the result is 1 cm.

Task 3

Light comes from upper left. A skin area has a base color, a mid-tone shadow, and a highlight. On which side should the highlight be placed, and on which side should the mid-tone shadow be placed?

Answer: Highlight on the upper-left side; mid-tone shadow on the lower-right side.

Reason: Highlights face the light source, and shadows fall on the side away from the light.

Check: Compare the highlight and shadow positions to the marked light direction; they should be on opposite sides.

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Task 4

A drapery swatch uses base, mid, and highlight. The base is applied, then the mid is applied in folds on the right, then the highlight on the left. The metal swatch uses gray base, darker mid on the right edges, and bright highlight on the left. Do both swatches follow the same light direction?

Answer: Yes, both place highlights on the left and shadows on the right.

Reason: Consistent light direction means highlights agree across materials; both swatches have left highlights and right shadows.

Check: List the highlight side and shadow side for each swatch and confirm they match.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Figure stands on baseline with head at midline.
- [ ] Body axis is vertical and proportion guide is followed.
- [ ] Trident shaft is vertical and prong tips are level.
- [ ] Hand overlaps shaft naturally without hiding it completely.
- [ ] Three-step layering is used for skin, drapery, and metal.
- [ ] Highlights are consistent with one chosen light direction.
- [ ] Valid alternatives are allowed if the convention remains clear.

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