Graphite Landscape Drawing: Tonal Layering Practice

Original task 1 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 1

Draw a five-step value scale on scrap paper using the layer counts in the lesson. Label each step 1 to 5. Then draw a 100 mm by 60 mm rectangle and fill it with a smooth gradient from value 1 on the left to value 5 on the right.

Keep the original task measurements. Use the full drawing sheet in this PDF for a response needing more room; use the stated paper size when a task specifies larger paper.

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Original task 2 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 2

In a 120 mm by 80 mm box, draw a simple landscape with the horizon at 30 mm from the top. The sky is the region above the horizon (30 mm tall), the middle-ground band below the horizon is 30 mm tall, and the foreground band at the bottom is 20 mm tall, so the three bands sum to 80 mm. Assign values: sky 2, distant hill 2, middle tree 3, foreground rock 4, nearest grass 5. Apply layers from lightest to darkest. Label each zone with its value.

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Original task 3 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 3

Draw a misty valley using this five-step scale: sky 4, distant hill 2, middle tree 3, foreground rock 4, nearest grass 5. Explain how the distant hill can look mist-soft while the sky and foreground remain dark.

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Original task 4 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 4

Measure your hand-drawn practice box with a ruler and record width and height in millimeters. Then list three checks you would perform before calling the drawing complete, using the rubric criteria.

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Full drawing sheet / reusable blank workspace

Reusable full drawing sheet for Tasks 1 to 4. Print another copy when needed. Keep all original task measurements; if a task specifies larger paper, use that paper size.