Drawing Eyes in Perspective: Foreshortened Lids and Iris Ellipses

Original tasks 1, 2 / independent work

Task 1

Front view: draw a head-angle frame with a horizontal eye line. Place two symmetric eyes. Draw the iris as a nearly circular ellipse and the upper lid as an arc peaking near the middle. Annotate the brow angle.

Task 2

Three-quarter view: draw a head turned to the viewer's right. Place the near eye on the right and the far eye closer to the midline. Draw the upper lid with its peak shifted right, and draw the iris as an ellipse narrower than at front view. Use a hypothetical iris width of 70 percent of front-view width and label it as hypothetical.

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Task 3

Profile view: draw a head in profile facing left. Draw only the visible eye near the front of the face. Draw the upper lid as a short, steep curve and the iris as a thin vertical ellipse or partly hidden by the lid. Annotate the brow angle following the forehead curve.

Task 4

Correction task: a drawing shows a three-quarter head turned left, but the iris is circular and the upper lid is a flat line. Describe two specific changes that would make the eye agree with the head turn, and state how you would check each change.