Timed Skull Anatomy Drawing Practice: Landmarks and Quick Sketches

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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 front-view timed sketch uses a widest cranium span of 6 cm. Estimate the orbit center spacing and the chin drop below the orbit line using the one-quarter and one-third rules. Then state one check.

Answer: Orbit center spacing is 6 divided by 4 = 1.5 cm. Chin drop is 6 divided by 3 = 2 cm. Check: measure the actual orbit center spacing and chin drop on the sketch; both should be close to 1.5 cm and 2 cm, and the chin should be the lowest point.

Reason: The rules give simple fractions of the reference span. Dividing 6 by 4 gives 1.5, and dividing 6 by 3 gives 2. The check compares the drawn distances to these estimates and confirms the chin is lowest.

Check: Measure the two orbit centers and the vertical distance from the orbit line to the chin in centimeters. Confirm the chin is lower than every other landmark.