Grandparent Portrait Drawing: Feature Placement Guide

Topic reference / ordinary illustration



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 student draws a front-facing grandparent face 12 cm tall from top to chin. They place the eye line at 6 cm from the top, the nose base at 9 cm from the top, and the mouth line at 10 cm from the top. The face width is 8 cm. They place the eyes with a 1.6 cm gap between them and each eye about 1.6 cm wide. Check whether these placements follow the lesson's conventions and suggest one adjustment.

Answer: The eye line at 6 cm is halfway from top to chin, which matches the convention. The nose base at 9 cm is three-quarters from the top, matching the quarter-line guide. The mouth line at 10 cm is 1 cm above the chin, which is one-third of the 3 cm distance from nose base to chin, so it fits the convention. The eye gap of 1.6 cm equals one eye width, and each eye is about one-fifth of the 8 cm face width, so the eye spacing is plausible. One adjustment: check the nose width; if it is much wider than one eye width, widen it slightly, but keep the nose base on the 9 cm line.