

ART · GRADES 2–3

Draw Yourself

A step-by-step self-portrait

The most important rule

Look in a mirror — actually look. Don't draw what you THINK a face looks like. Draw what you SEE. Eyes are halfway down the head, not near the top. Ears line up between eyes and nose. Lips are smaller than you think. The biggest mistake is making the eyes too big and too high.

Six steps to follow

1. Lightly draw an oval for the head (taller than wide).
2. Draw a horizontal line halfway down the oval — eyes go on this line.
3. Halfway between that line and the chin, draw a small mark — that's the bottom of the nose.
4. Halfway between nose and chin, draw a line — that's the mouth.
5. Add ears on both sides, lining up between eyes and nose.
6. Add hair, neck, shoulders. Erase any guide lines you don't need.



Now make it yours

Add what makes you, YOU. Glasses? A specific haircut? A favorite shirt? A facial expression? Don't try to be perfect — try to be honest.

