

# Drawing Faces

The proportions everyone gets wrong

- 1 — The head is an OVAL, taller than wide. Roughly 1.5x as tall as it is wide.
- 2 — Draw a horizontal line HALFWAY down. Eyes go on this line. (Most people place them too high.)
- 3 — Eyes are about ONE EYE-WIDTH apart from each other.
- 4 — The nose ends about HALFWAY between eyes and chin.
- 5 — The mouth is HALFWAY between nose and chin — a bit closer to the nose.
- 6 — Ears line up between EYES and the bottom of the NOSE.
- 7 — The hairline is ABOUT a quarter of the way down from the top.
- 8 — Faces are not perfectly symmetrical. One eye is usually slightly higher. One ear sticks out a bit more. Don't fight it — that's what makes a face a face.
- TIP — squint at a real face. The details disappear. Draw what you SEE, not what you think a face should look like.

