# Drawing Heads and Portraits

With Kevin Wueste

# Materials I like...

- Tombow B, 2b-4b Graphite Pencils (wood encased)
- Staedtler 2mm clutch pencil and HB, B and 2b leads
- Staedtler barrel sharpener for the above
- Fine grit sandpaper (hardware store suggest 100 grain+)
- Afmat long-lead pencil sharpeners











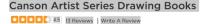
### **Materials**







- Sketchbook Blick/Utrecht plan white paper sketchbooks are "ok" ;-) solid quality
- Sketchbook Canson artist Series books 90lb paper higher Quality vs the blick book.. But a bit more tooth..
- Drawing Papers Stonehenge white and "rising" papers excellent!
- Drawing papers Strathmore 400 Drawing (cream) and Canson Drawing paper both are excellent. (good for graphite and charcoals).
   see the example note that there are zillions "" of these papers and 500 is NOT better ..
- I like to buy at Jerrysartarama and Blicks.. If you can support you local art store.. ( Michaels is a last resort!)..
- **Toned papers**: for charcoals: Canson Mi Tientes (grey middle tones like: Steel grey, Felt Grey, Sky Blue and light blue) or a pad of Strahmore artagain toned paper (will have many tones but start with greys.. this is a good paper for graphite and white chalk (generals "white Charcoal")

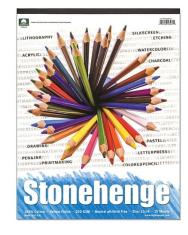


### \$9.05 - \$15.80

Canson Artist Series Drawing Books feature a heavyweight sketch paper that is smudge-resistant and erases cleanly. The paper is a classic cream color with a nice tooth for graphite, colored pencils, and pen-and-ink. Each wirebound book holds 60 sheets of 90 lb (147 gsm) true size paper that is micro-performated for easy removal. These books also feature a removable half sheet with tips and techniques from some of the most noted artists of the day. After removal, the sheet can be used as a bookmark.

- READ LESS







Mi-Tientes Steel Grey

# Basics of head construction:

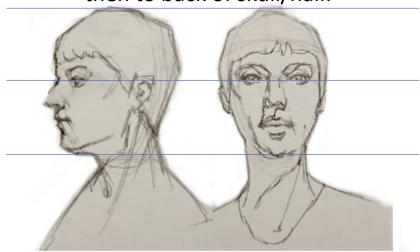
The head is basically an oval; It's wider from the profile view

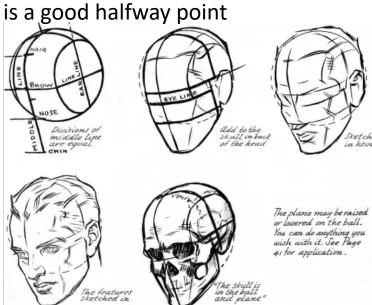
- The Inner tear-duct is a good half-way point from crown to chin.
  - 1. The hairline to the brow ridge = 1/3
  - 2. Brow-ridge to bottom of nose = 1/3
  - 3. Bottom of nose to chin = 1/3

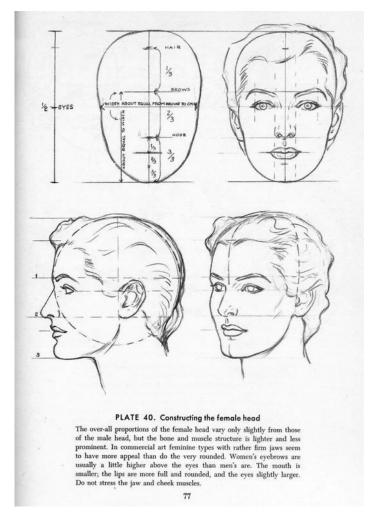
The ear tends to line up with the eyelid (top) and bottom of nose (bottom)

In a profile the back of eye, to front of ear is a good halfway point

- then to back of skull/hair.







Who to look to for master copies and ideas and inspiration?

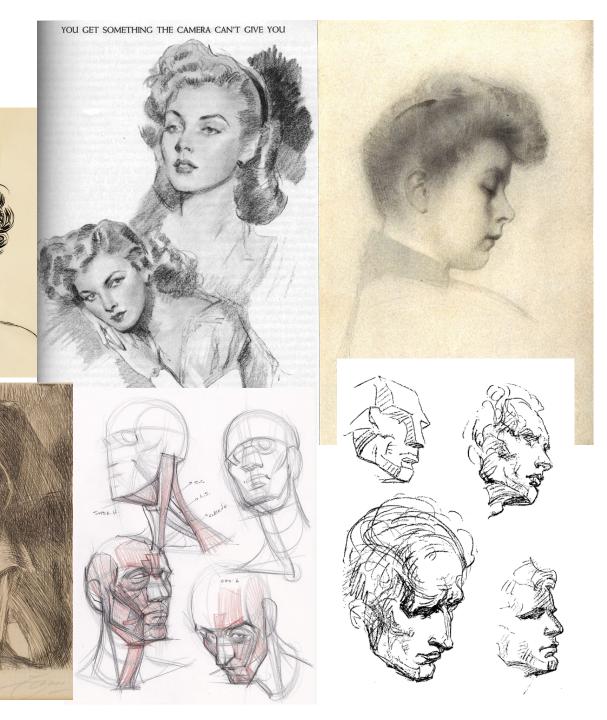
 Andrew Loomis – one of the fathers of modern drawing and measuring standards.

 George Bridgman – Art Students League teacher – constructionist

• John H. Vanderpoel – classicist.

• Steven Hampton – Modern "blender"

Also: Glen Orbik, Anthony Ryder,
Russian and Chinese masters, Anders
Zorn, John Singer Sargent, Charles Dan
Gibson, Norman Rockwell



## Next week's homework:

- Graphite drawing on white paper from one of the provided references
- Suggest that everyone prints the photo (do not draw from ipad/computer it will hinder you not help you at the beginning)
- Print in black and white even if color reference!
- Measure to find half-way points
- Map in your contours and shadow-shapes
  - Shadows may have a medium tone but nothing super dark.
  - Use HB, B and 2b or 3b Pencils. Kneaded eraser. No blending of anything needed don't be tempted to grab Kleenex, swabs etc.. Just pencil and eraser ;-)
- Spend about 1-3 hours. No tracing I'll know and it's not any use for learning !!!
- Homework is due Wednesday following class by 6pm PST so I have time to critique them by the following Sunday.