

# Learn to draw

## 'Day of the Dead'

### Portraits



A step by step workbook for learning how to draw.

Name:

Form:

Art Teacher:

Practice, practice, practice! The more you practice drawing the better you will get. Try your best to complete each of the examples given to help improve your drawing skills. Start slowly and take your time when completing these activities, it is not a race to finish first! Try spend 30 mins or more every week drawing in pencil to improve your skills. When you have completed this workbook, show your Art teacher how much you have improved in your drawing skills.

## **The 7 Elements of Art are:**

**Line** - A line is a continuous mark made on a surface.

**Shape** - A shape is a closed line that has 2Dimensions, length and width.

**Tone** - Tone varies from the bright white of a light source through shades of grey to the deepest black shadows.

**Form** – Forms are 3Dimensional, length, width, height, and can be viewed from many angles.

**Colour** – All colours can be made from the 3 primary colours and can vary in intensity and tonal value.

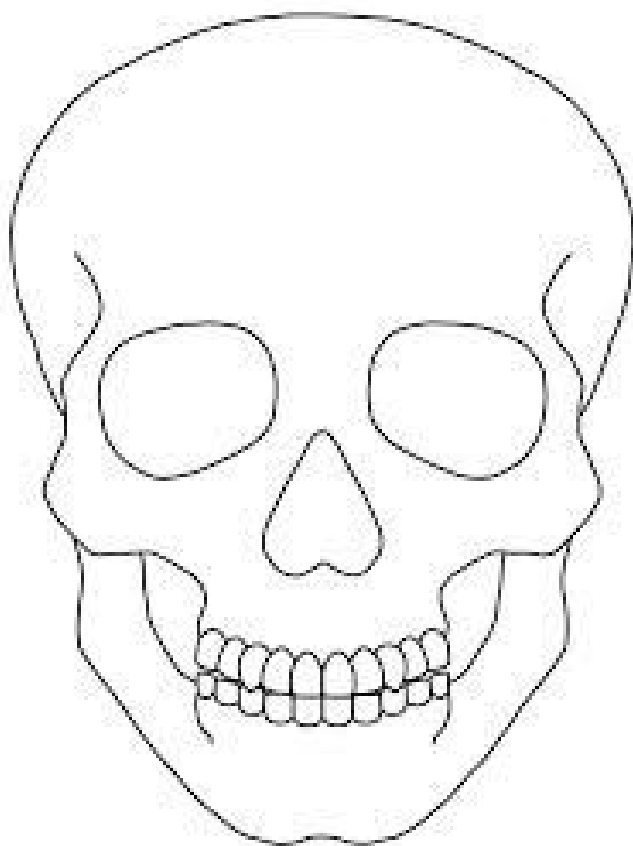
**Texture** – Texture is used to show how something feels or what it is made of.

**Space** – Space is the area between and around objects to create depth.

We going to focus on the Portraiture, focusing on step by step guides which uses Line, Shape, Tone and Proportions in this 'Learning to draw portraits' workbook.

# Designing a Sugar Skull

Look carefully at the patterns below and the sugar skull examples. Use the templates below to create your own sugar skull design.



# What is Day of the Dead?

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The Mexican fiesta of Día de los Muertos, or \_\_\_\_\_, takes place between the 31<sup>st</sup> October and 2<sup>nd</sup> November. It is a Catholic Christian ritual intermixed with folk culture and going to Mass is an essential aspect of this celebration.

The fiesta includes spending time in cemeteries, making shrines to the dead, also known as an \_\_\_\_\_ and displays artistic skulls and skeletons as well as food and flowers.

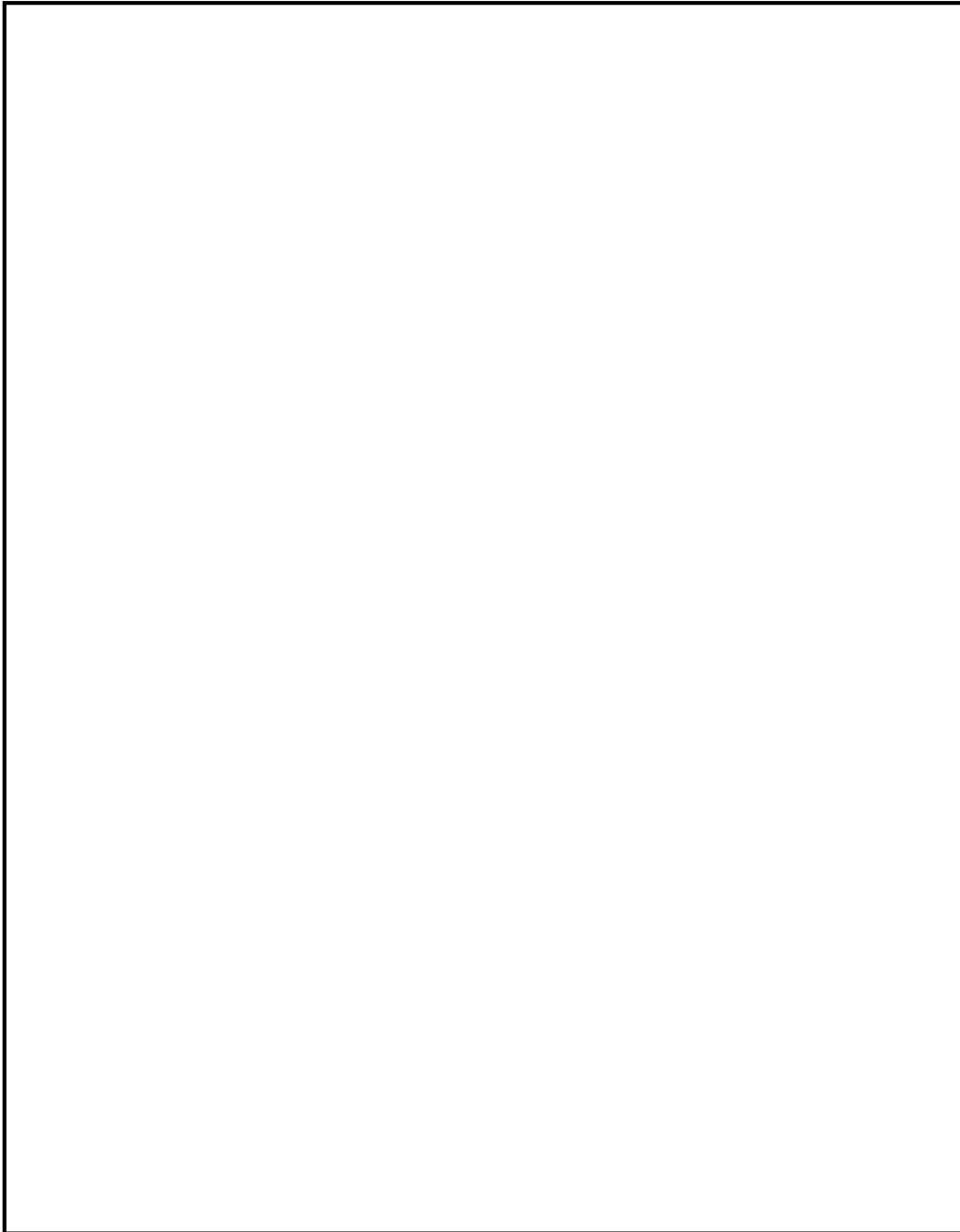
However, the occasion is festive rather than morbid. Death is not seen as the end of one's life in Mexico but as a natural part of the life cycle. The day of the dead fiesta is not only a chance to \_\_\_\_\_ and friends who have died but to celebrate their life and celebrate being alive. It is about love, not fear, and the fiesta incorporates lots of music, and dancing.

\_\_\_\_\_ is not the Mexican version of Halloween. Mexicans have celebrated the Day of the Dead since the year 1800 B.C ! Whilst Day of the Dead and Halloween are both associated with All Saints and All Souls Days, their tones could not be more different.

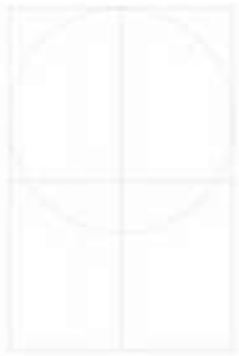
Halloween's images of skeletons and spirits emphasize the spooky, gruesome and macabre. On Day of the Dead, the focus isn't on threatening spooks and ghouls, it's on celebrating with one's family — alive and dead — and remembering those who are no longer alive. It focuses on seeing death as a stage of \_\_\_\_\_, not something to be faced with fear. It is not a "strange" ritual. It is very similar to going to a grave and leaving flowers or toys, or lighting a candle to remember the deceased. It is not a \_\_\_\_\_. It is a day of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ because they are remembering loved ones.

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Day of the Dead		Happiness	Día de los Muertos	

# Drawing of a Day of Dead Skull



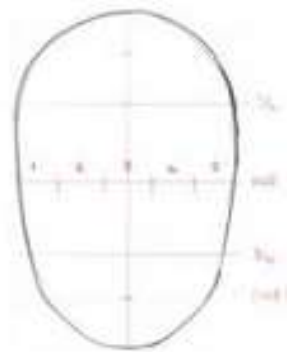
# Drawing a portrait



1. Draw a rectangle and split it into quarters and sketch a circle.

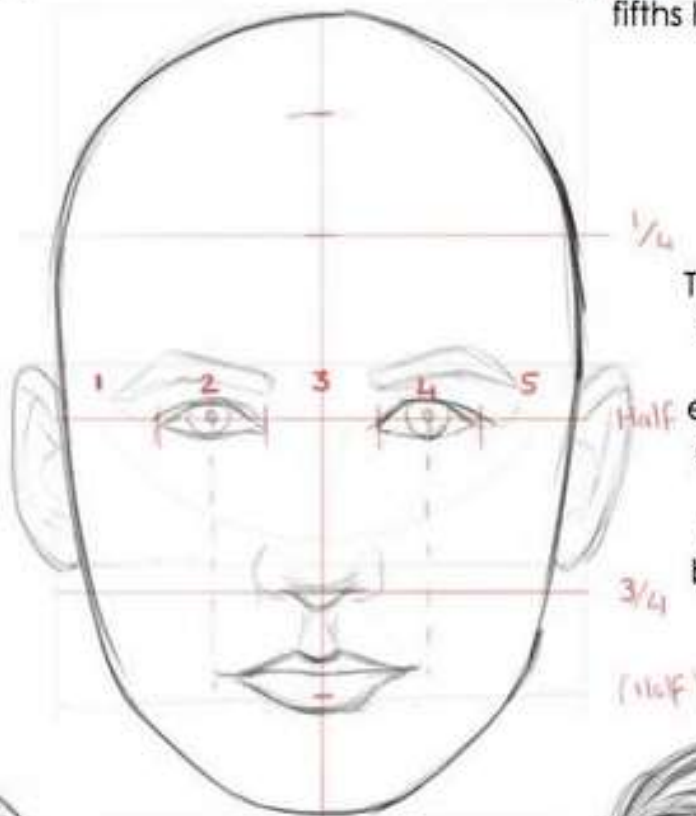


2. Draw your face shape.



3. Sketching lightly, add in guidelines by splitting your face shape in to quarters vertically and fifths horizontally

4. Add in the features. Take your time and remember they don't have to be exactly the same!



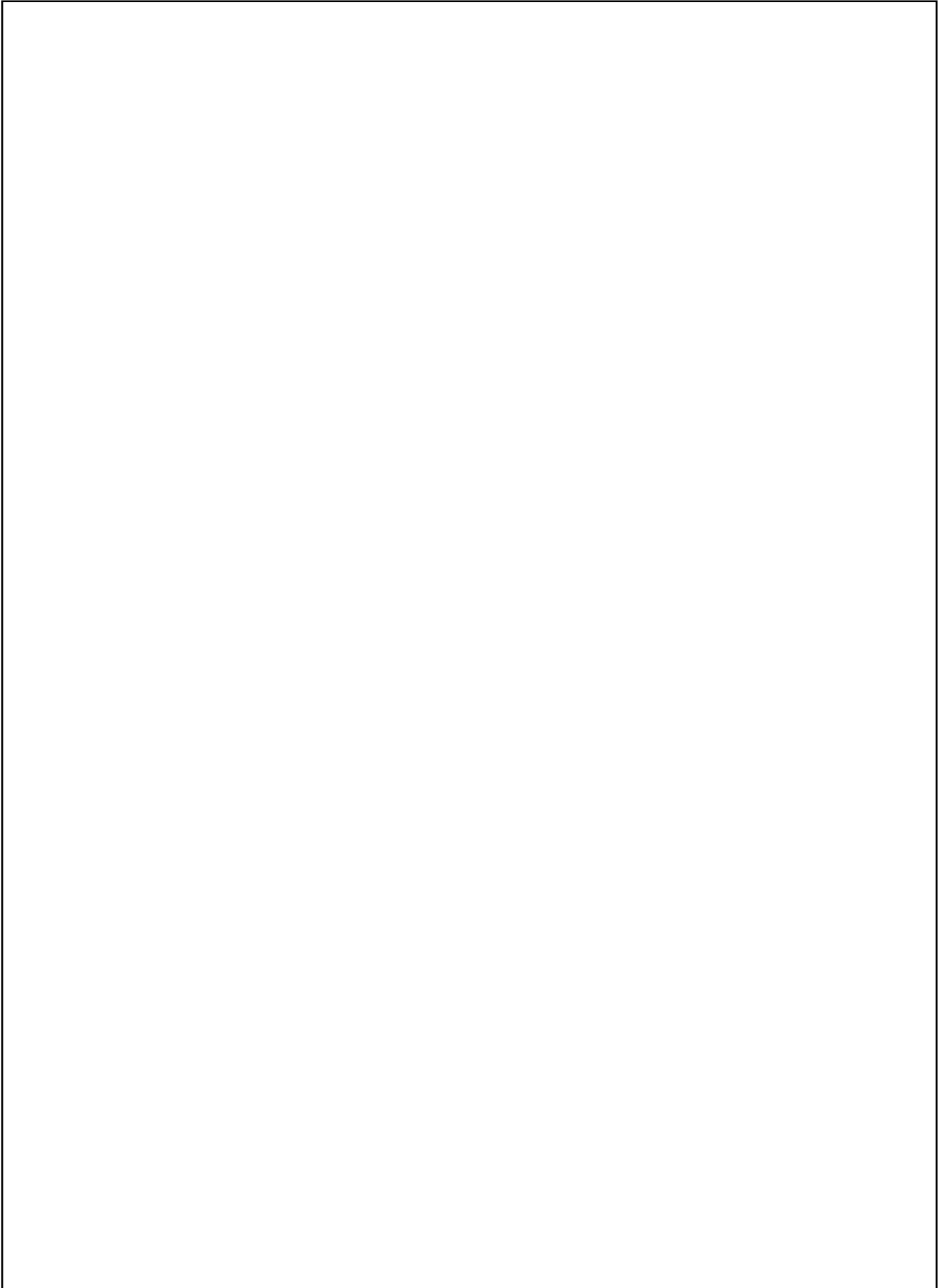
**Handy Tip:**  
The tops of your ears are level with your eyebrows. They go all the way down to be level with the bottom of your nose!



5. Rub out your guidelines and add in hair. Finish off any detail in your portrait. Do you have any unique features to add?

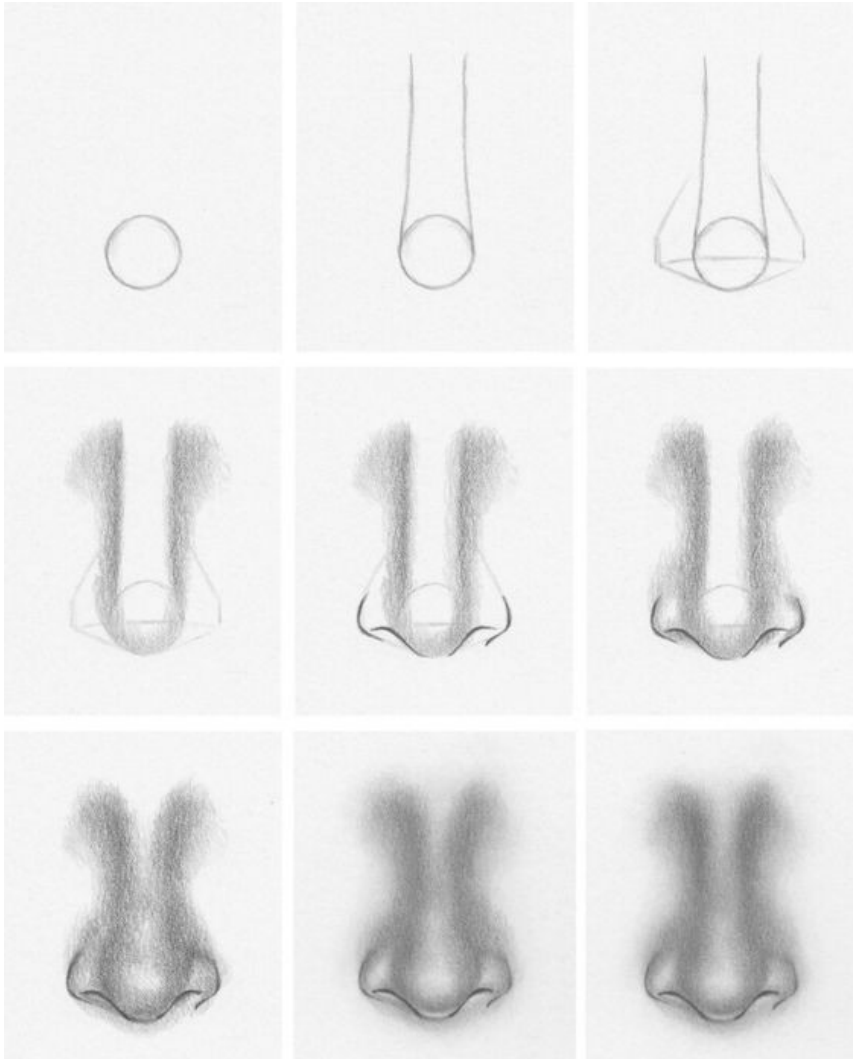


**Try drawing a portrait using the step by step guide given.**

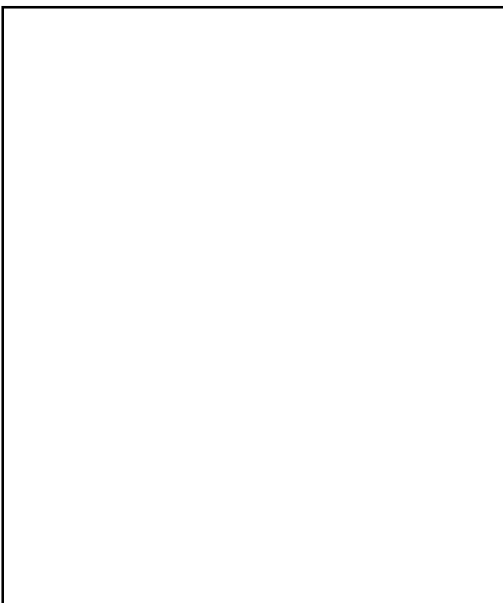


# Drawing a nose

Look carefully at the lines, shapes and tones in each stage of the drawing a nose guide.



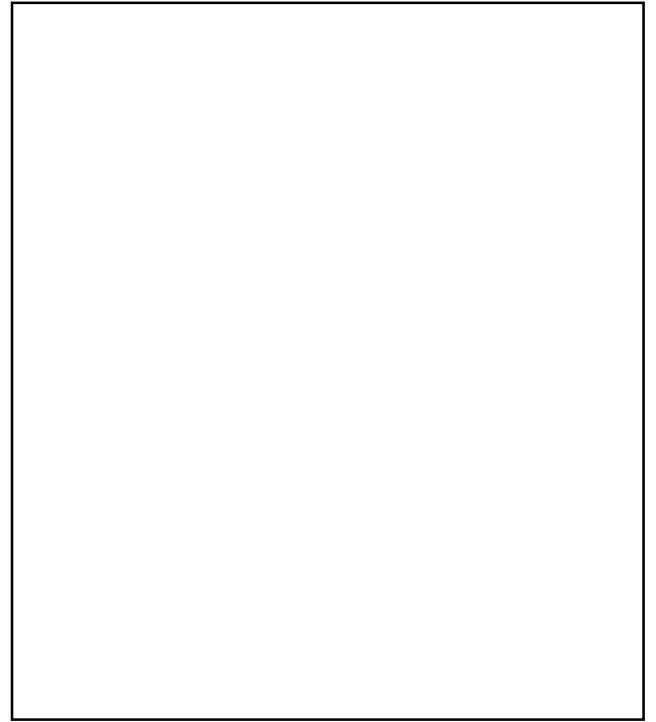
**Use the step by step guides to draw a nose in the box provided.**





# Drawing an ear

Look carefully at the lines, shapes and tones in each stage of the drawing an ear guide. **Use the step by step guide to draw an ear in each box below.**

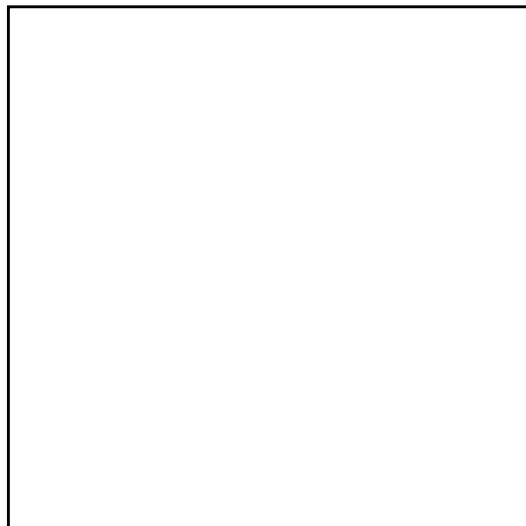


# Drawing eyes

Look carefully at the lines, shapes and tones in each stage of the drawing eyes guide.



**Use the step by step guide above to draw an eye in each box below.**



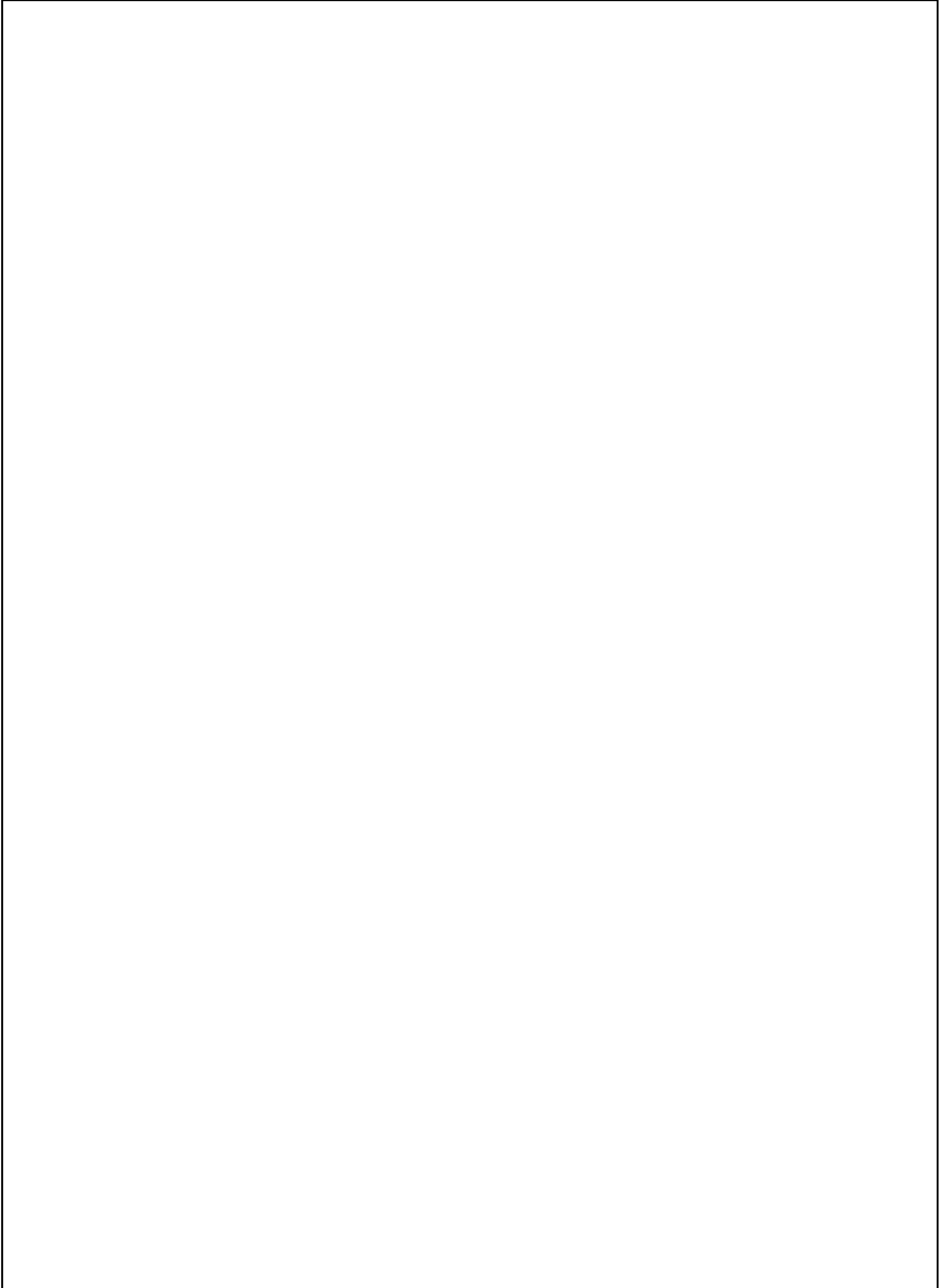
# Drawing hair

Look carefully at the lines, shapes and tones in each stage of the drawing hair guide and then practice in the boxes alongside each example.

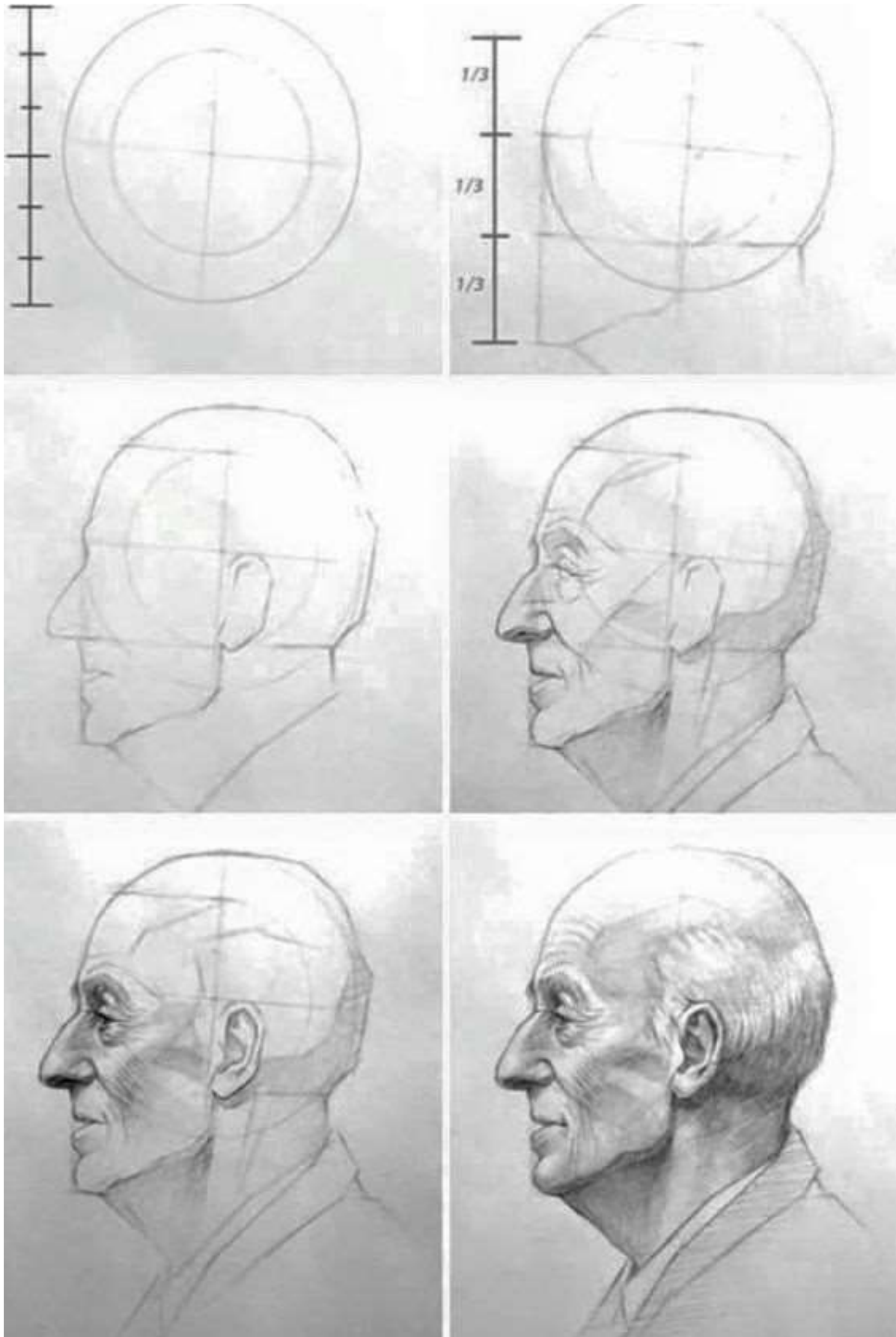


# Drawing a self-portrait

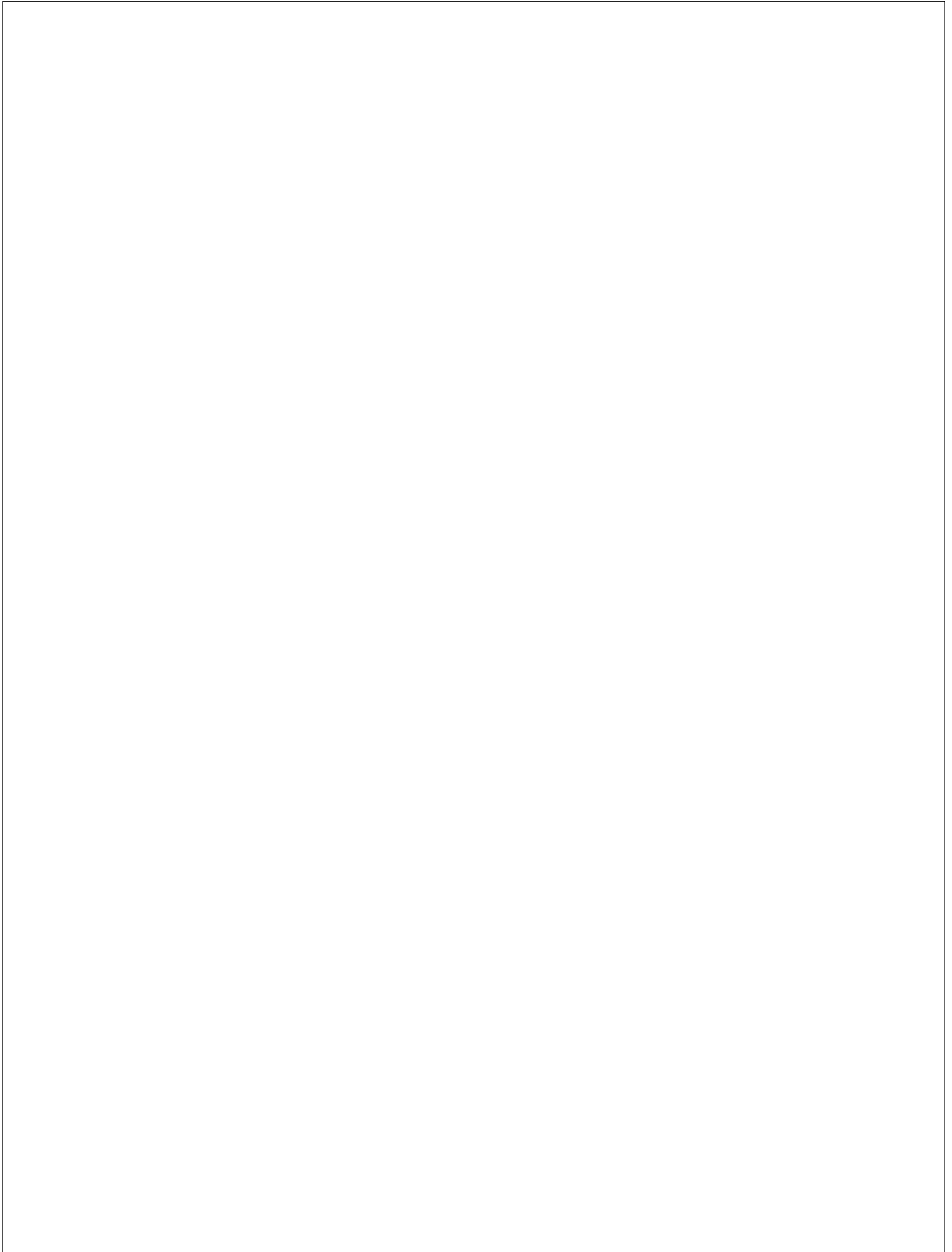
Try drawing a self-portrait using a mirror in the box provided.



# Drawing a Portrait in profile view



**Try following the step by step guide to draw an old man in profile.**



# Drawing a day of the dead mask

Using colour pencil try drawing a portrait wearing a day of the dead mask in the box below.



# Final Drawings

Use all your drawings skills to now copy these two portraits, one in colour pencil and one in pencil.

