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Explore the elements of art while learning more about artworks in the Confederation Centre Art Gallery's permanent collection. This new program provides weekly instructional art activities inspired by artworks from the collection. These activities are similar to those taught in the gallery's regular education programs and can be completed with basic materials that you probably already have at home!

Feedback and questions can be sent to Evan Furness, our visual arts educator at [efurness@confederationcentre.com](mailto:efurness@confederationcentre.com).

## No. 8 | The Self - Drawing Portraits



**Bobs Cogill Haworth** (1900-1988)

*Self-Portrait*, c. 1936

oil on primed linen, 91.7 x 61.1 cm

Gift of the Estates of Peter and Bobs Haworth, 1989

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### Activity Description

Bobs Cogill Haworth's artwork, *Self-Portrait*, features the artist sitting in front of her canvas painting. You can see the frame of the mirror on the right side of the painting which shows that the artist is painting a self-portrait. This activity uses the idea of a self-portrait to walk you through how to draw the correct proportions of the head. Your final artwork will turn this standard template of a portrait into a unique drawing of yourself.

### Example

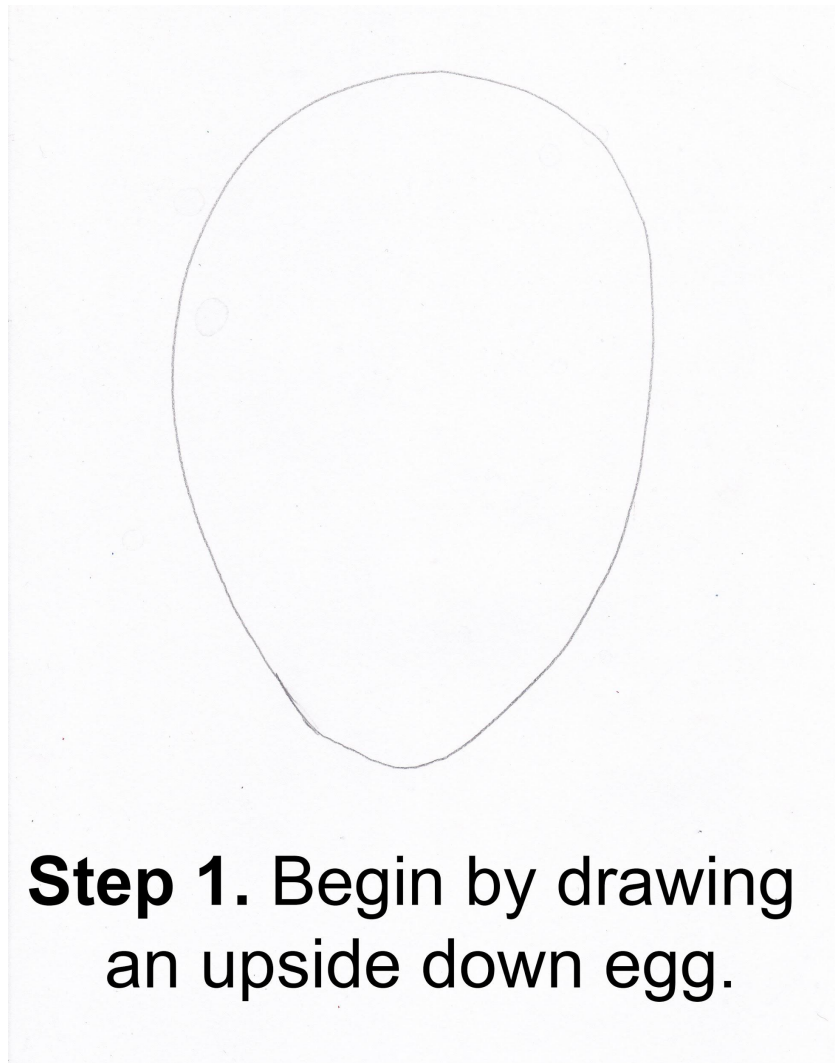


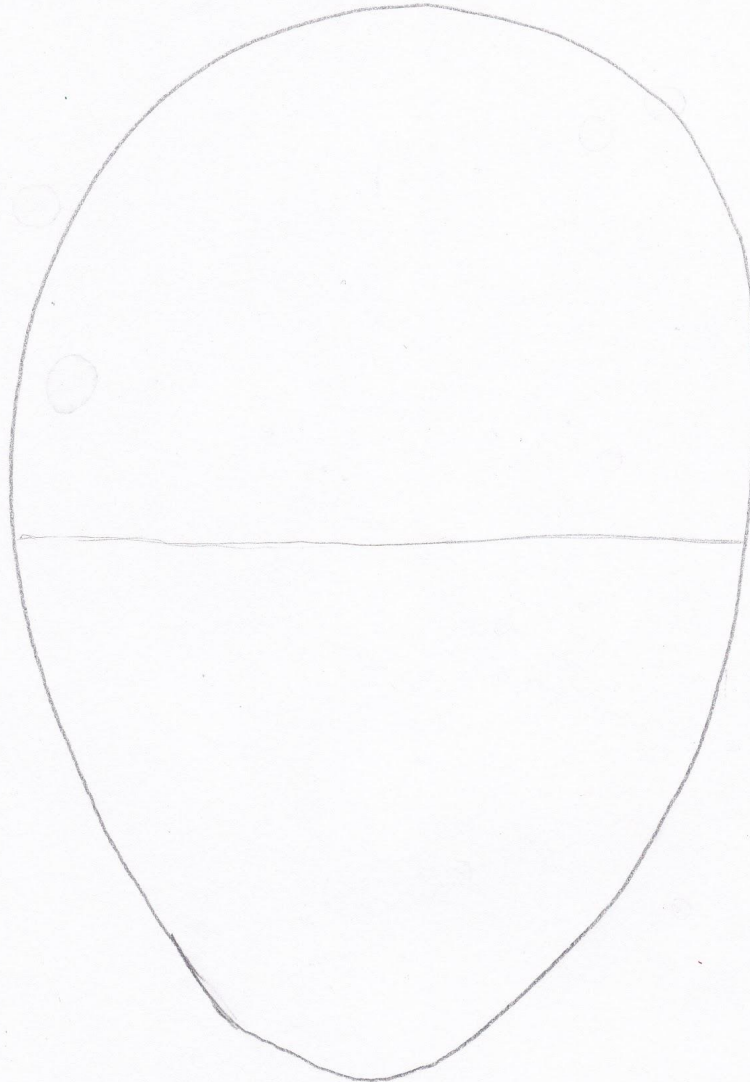


### Materials

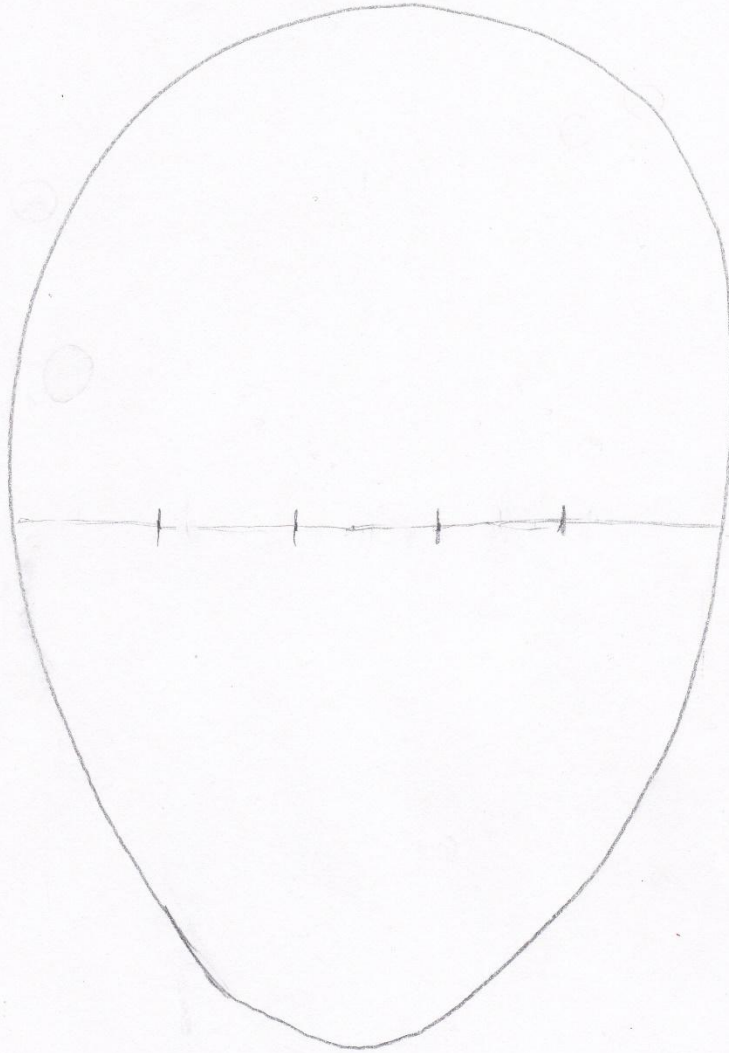
1. A mirror
2. Pencil
3. Paper
4. Eraser

### Instructions

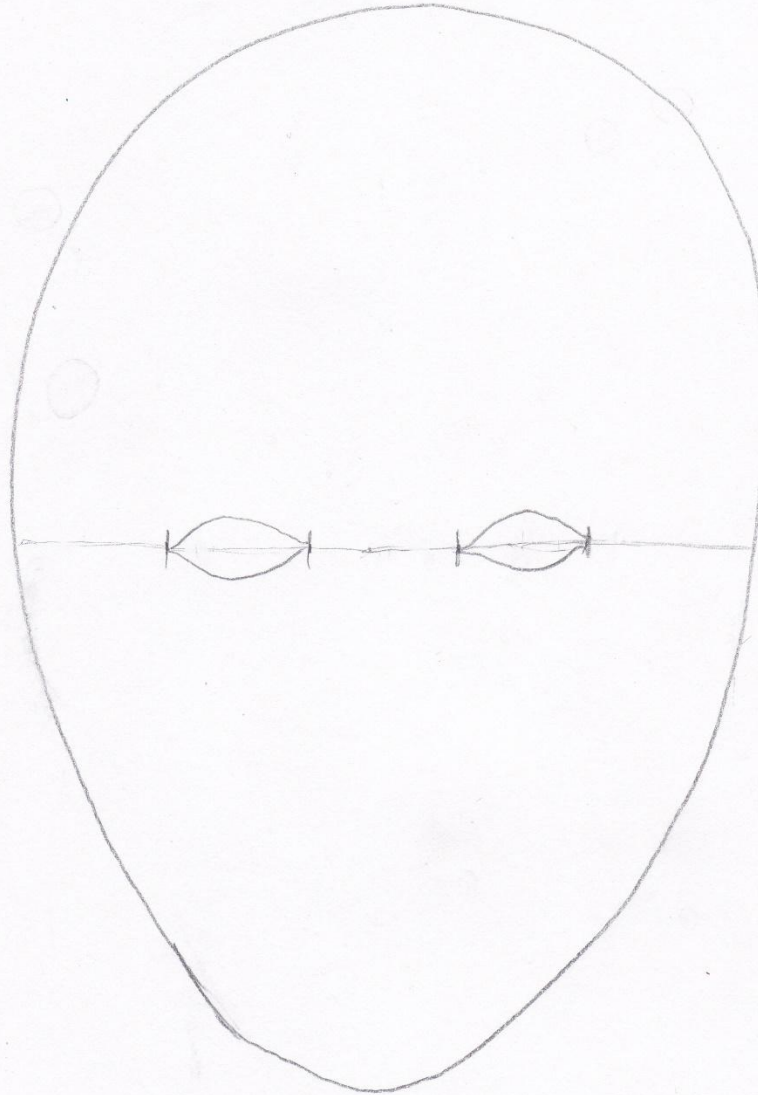




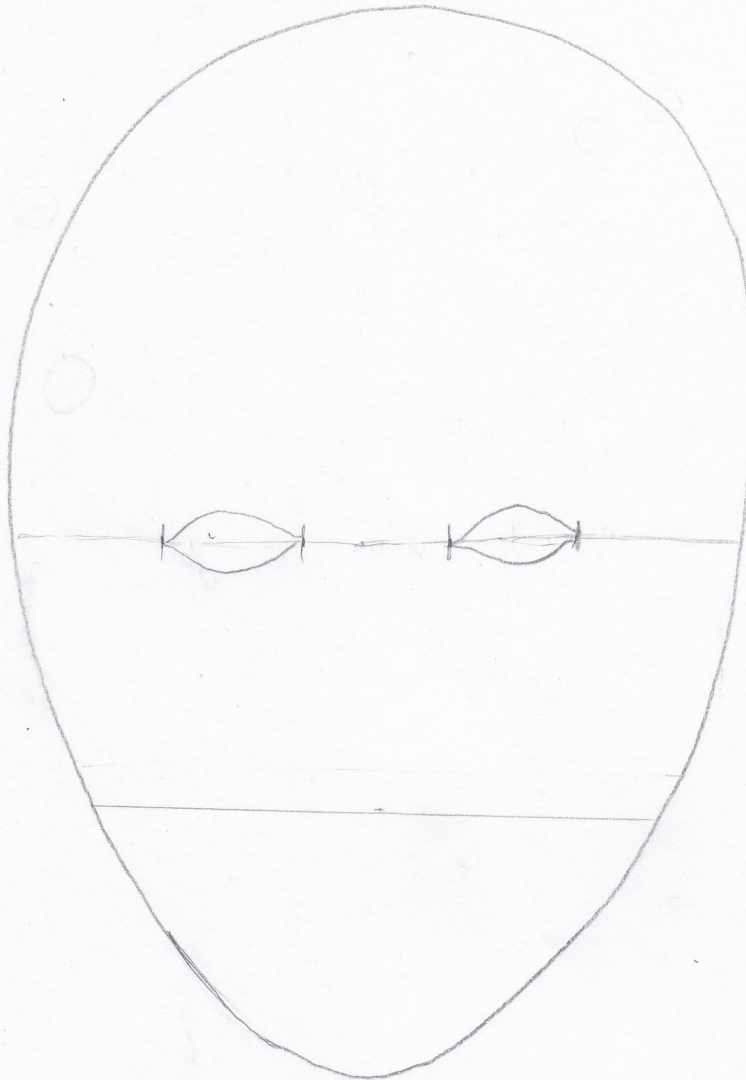
**Step 2.** Draw a line across  
the centre of the face.



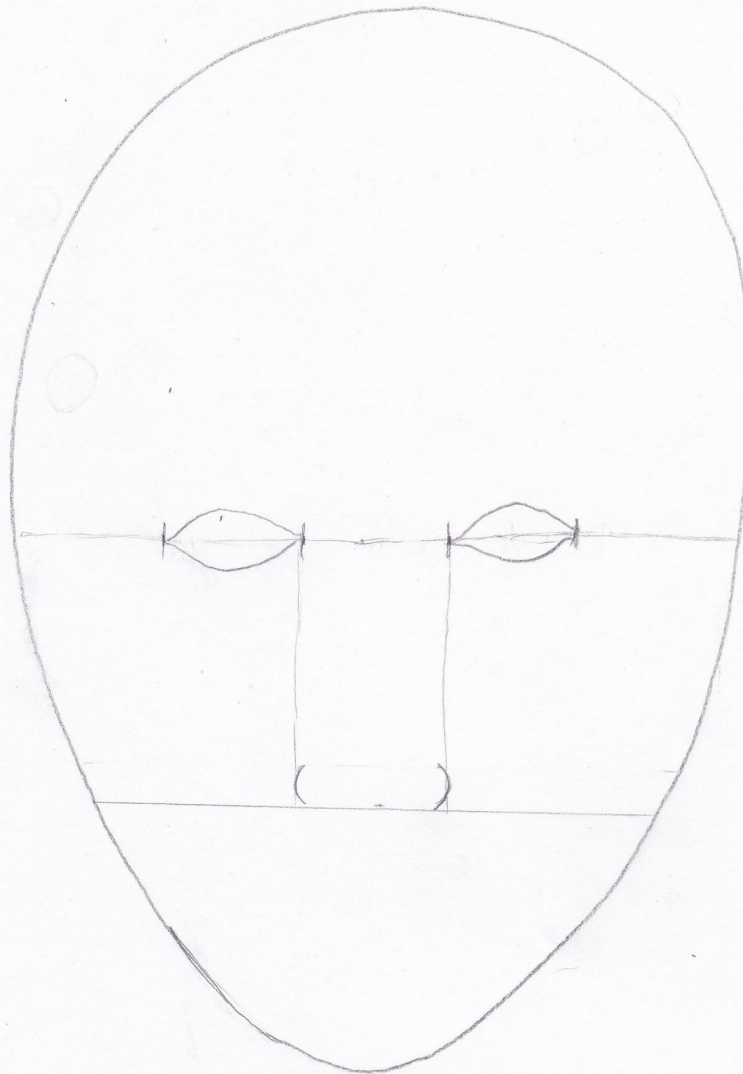
**Step 3.** Divide the line into five equal parts using four lines or dots.



**Step 4.** In the second and fourth spaces draw the shape of an eye.

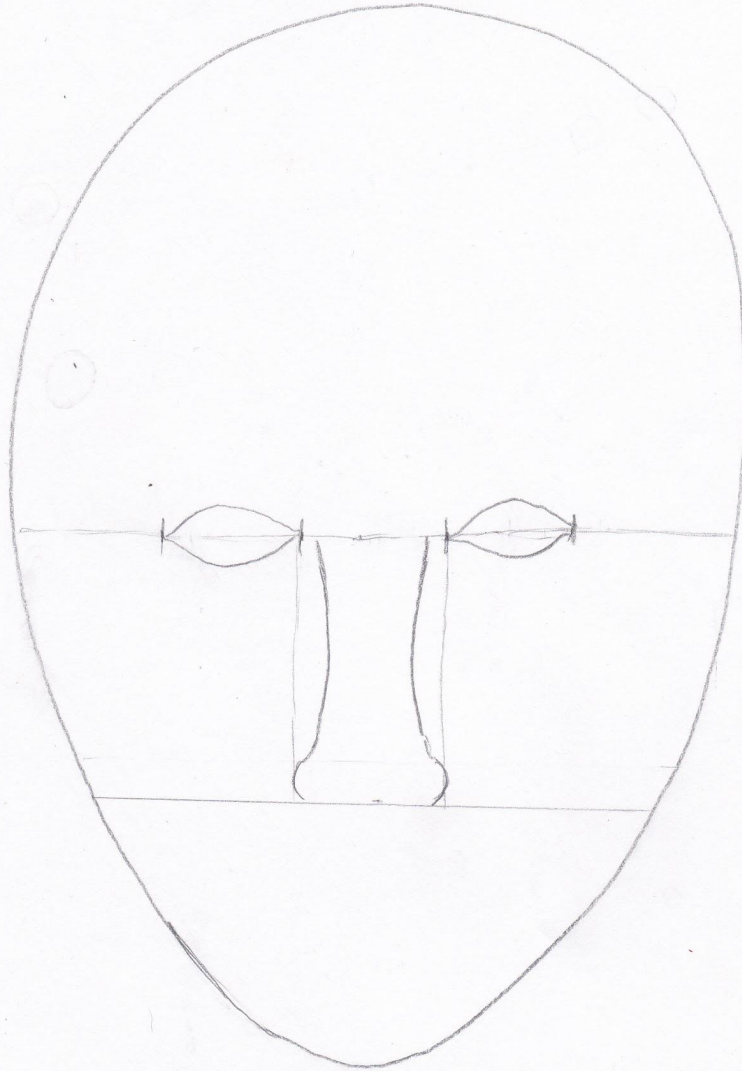


**Step 5.** Divide the lower half of the face in half.

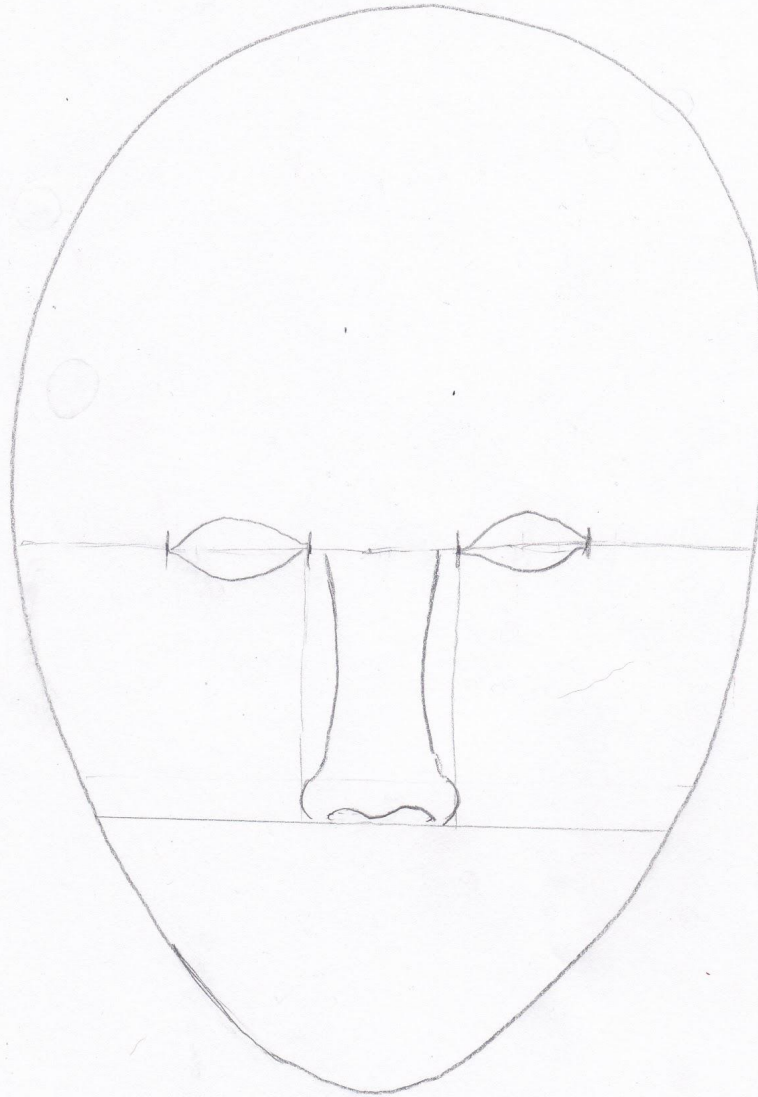


**Step 6.** On top of this new line and below the inside of the eyes, draw two bracket shapes.

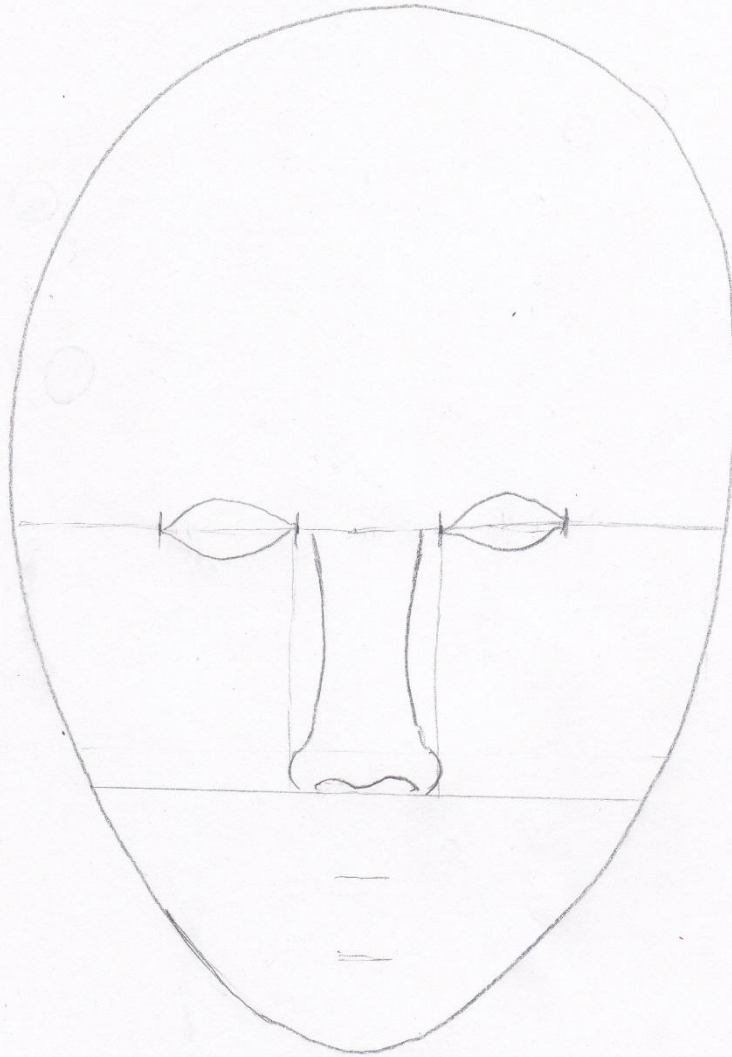




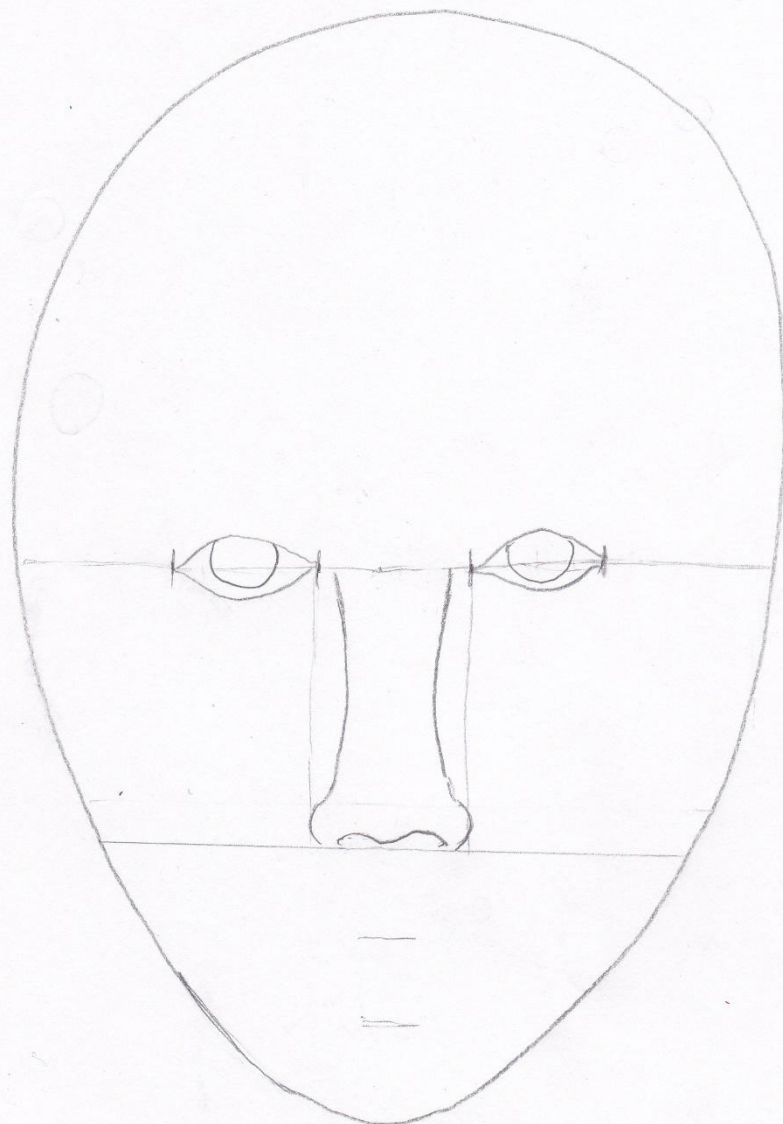
**Step 7.** Use two outward curved lines to connect the brackets just beside the inside of the eyes.



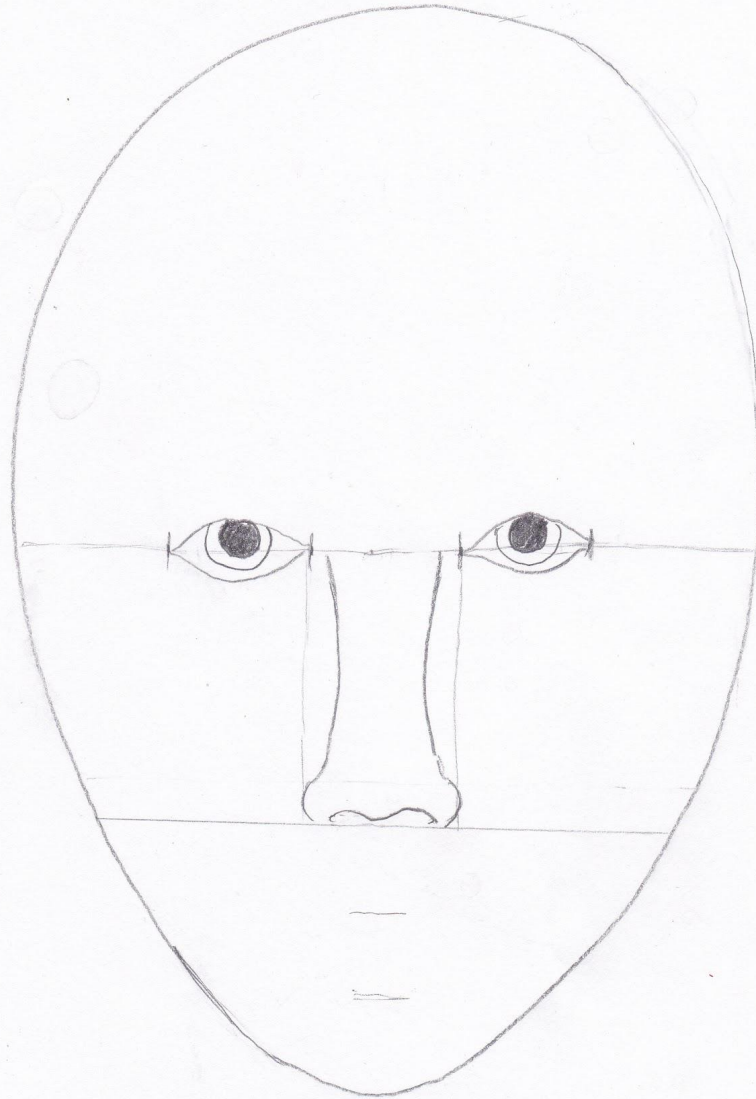
**Step 8.** Draw two small hill shapes between the brackets for your nostrils.



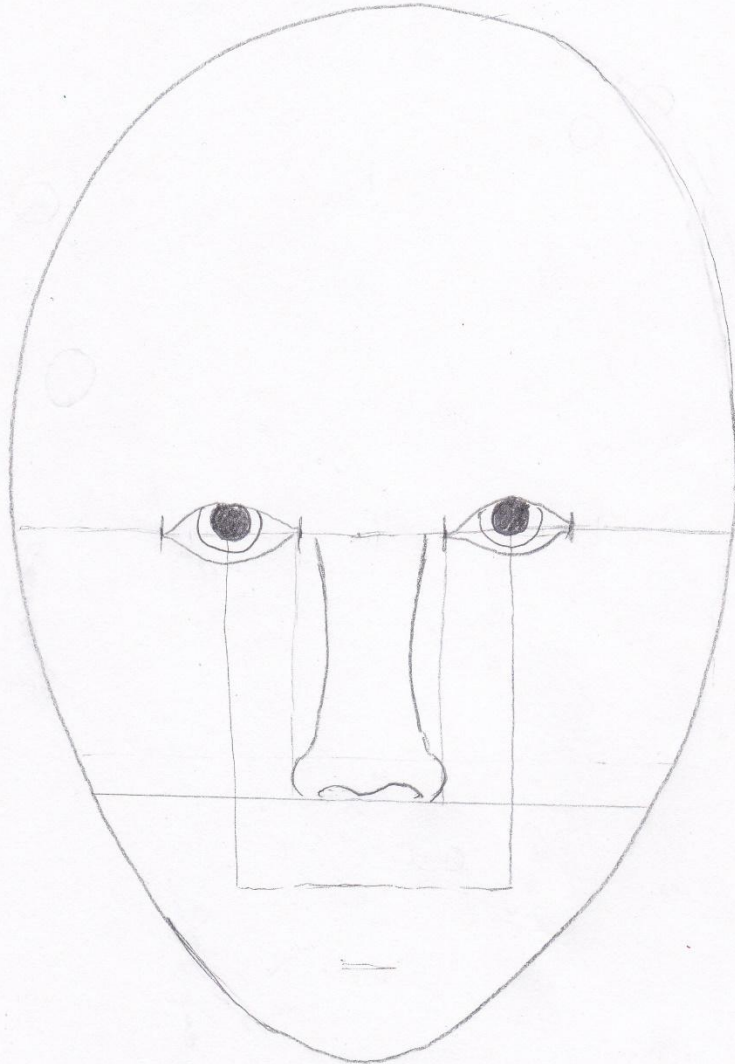
**Step 9.** Divide the lower quarter of the head into three parts using two short lines.



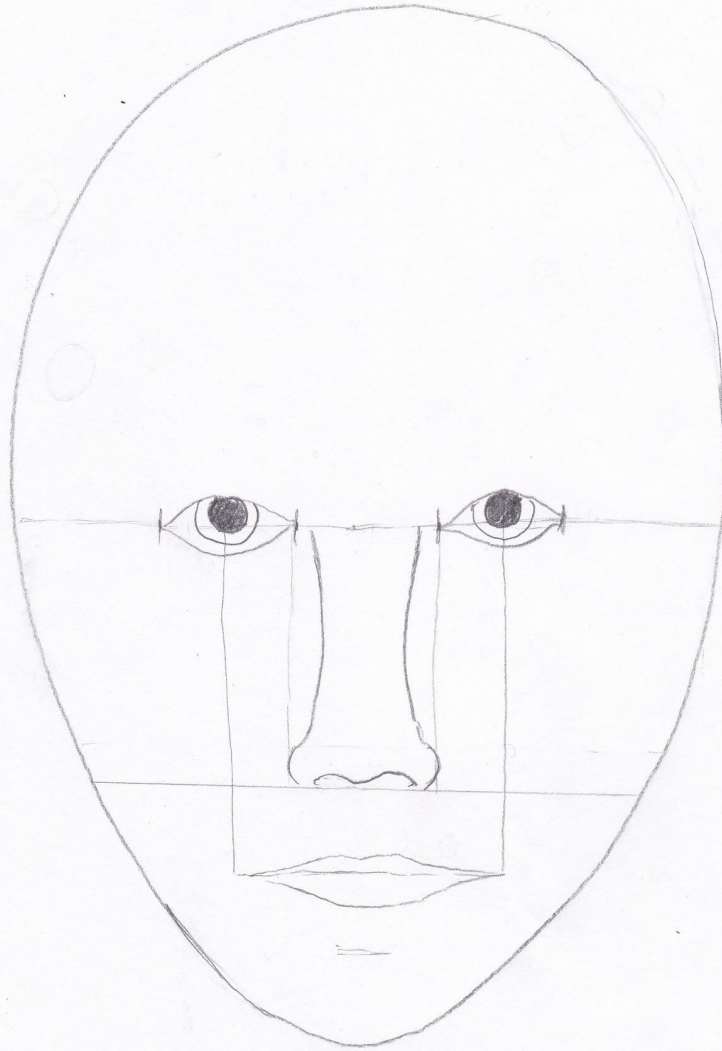
**Step 10.** Draw two circles in the eyes for the pupils. Make sure they are covered slightly by the top of the eye.



**Step 11. Colour in the pupils.**



**Step 12. In the lower quarter of the head, extend the top line to underneath the pupils in both directions.**



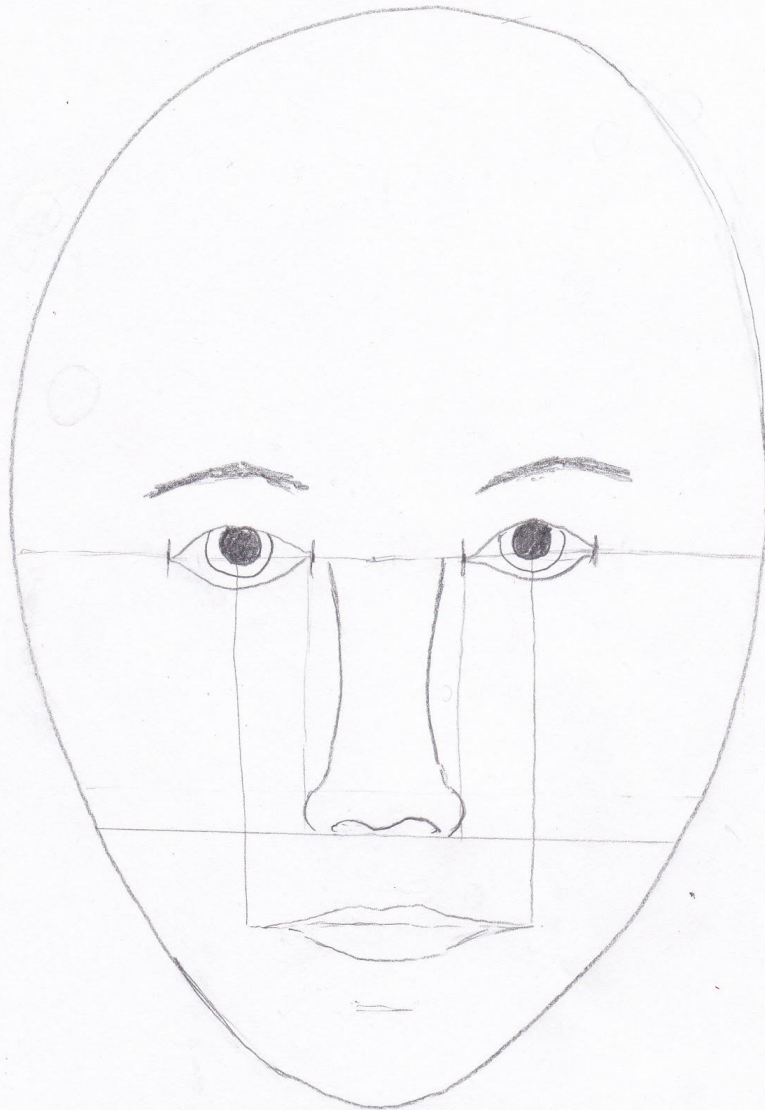
**Step 13.** Draw two connected mountain shapes on top of the line and a shallow curve under the line.



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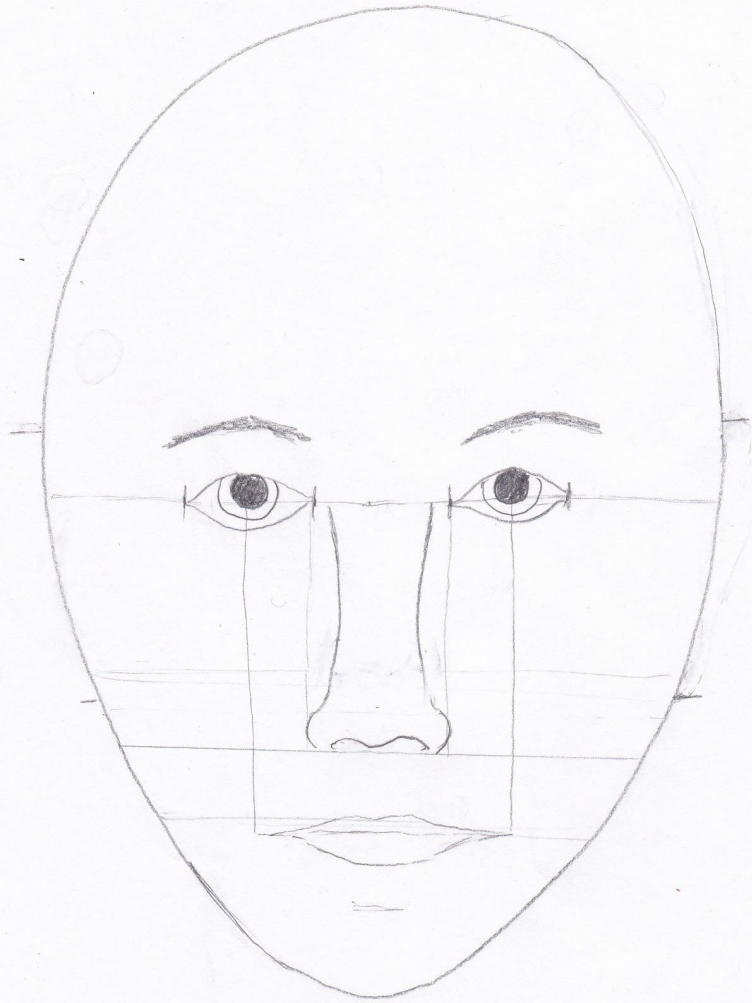
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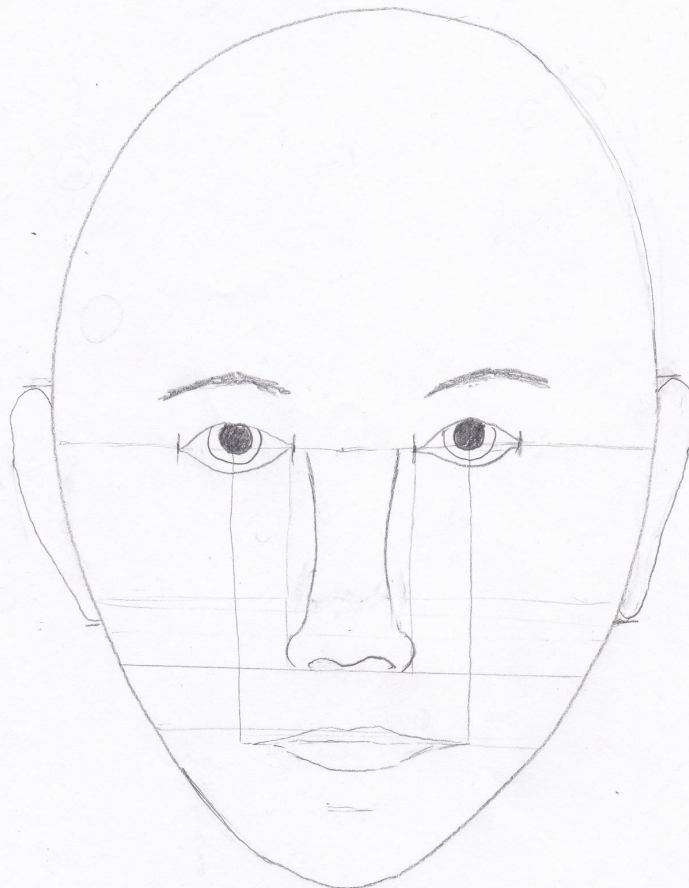


**Step 14.** Add eyebrows slightly above your eyes.





**Step 15.** Add two short lines to mark where your ears will go. One in line with your eyebrow, the other roughly with the bottom of your nose.



**Step 16.** Draw the shape of your ear in between the lines. The shape should look like a narrow half of a heart with a curve on the bottom.

When you finish your artwork consider sharing it on social media! Be sure to tag the Confederation Centre ([@confedcentre](https://www.instagram.com/confedcentre)) and use the hashtag [#ccagartclass](https://www.instagram.com/ccagartclass)!