**Portrait of Andrew Jackson -- directions**

**Getting Started**

Use the following guidelines to draw Andrew Jackson’s head and basic features:

* Make a box (in the middle of your page) that is 7” long and 5” wide – fill the box with 1” square boxes so it looks like a grid
* Human heads are egg-shaped – make yours about 7” tall and 5” wide, having it nearly fill the grid you’ve drawn
* Lightly draw the “eye-line” halfway down the head (3.5” from the top of the head and 3.5” from the bottom of the chin
* The “eye-line” should, because of the grid, already be divided into 5 equal (1”) sections – the eyes should be drawn in the second and fourth sections so that they are bisected (half above and half below) by the “eye-line” *\*\*\*eyes tend to be shaped like a fat football, and the colored part of the eye takes up most of the visible space (very little white will be showing)*
* Draw a light line *from top to bottom* that bisects the face – this line should start at the top of the head and end at the tip of the chin.
* Draw the lower tip of the nose 2” above the tip of the chin (the tip usually looks like a simple bird you might draw (or like a short and wide U or V)
* Draw the lips of the mouth on either side of the 1” line above the tip of the chin
* The ears should start at the “eye-line” and end at the tip of the nose – keep the ears narrow and close to the side of the head
* The hairline should (unless the person is balding like Mr. B…) start about halfway between the eyes and the top of the head – the hair will completely cover the top and sides of the head above the ears
* Eyebrows are sort of shaped like wings. They should be centered around the horizontal line above the eyes. Eyebrows usually bend downward slightly on the outside and extend maybe a half-inch closer to the ear than the eye does
* Jaw/cheekbones tend to look like long Y’s and are under the eyes (slightly closer to the side of the face)