

## **Basic Drawing** **Handout #2**

### **General Proportions for the Human Head**

Below are some general guides to assist you when drawing the human head. They are not hard and fast rules, but rather general tendencies that the human head has which you can use to obtain proportions and placement for eyes, nose mouth and ears. We'll start with a generic head below:

- 1) The head drawn in profile should be able to fit into a square much like the one below, with the nose and part of the chin protruding out:
- 2) There is about one eye's distance between the two eyes on a frontal view, and one eyes' distance between each eye and the ears.
- 3) You can determine the length of the mouth by drawing a triangle starting at the bridge of the nose and touching the line on either side of the nostril, continuing to the mouth line. When these two lines touch the mouth line, this is a good rule of thumb for a mouth length.

