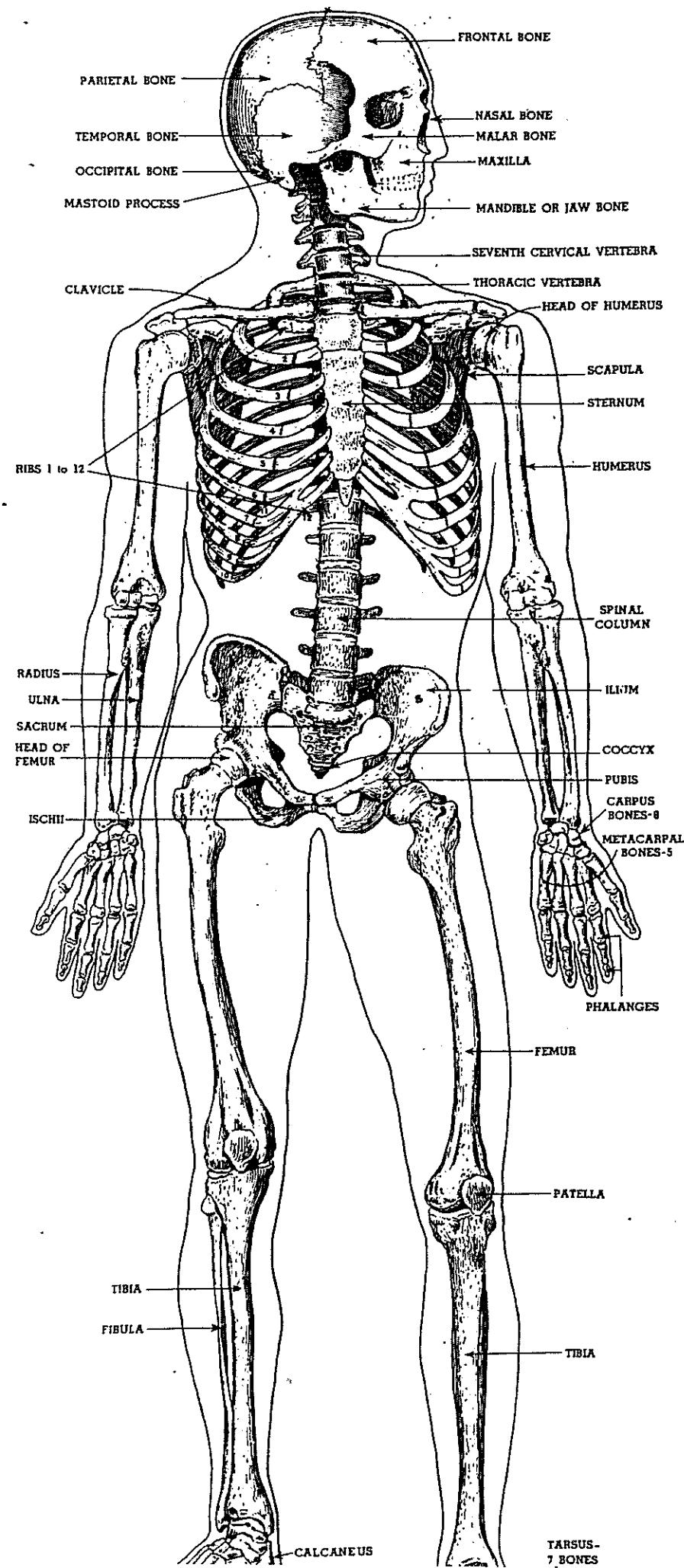
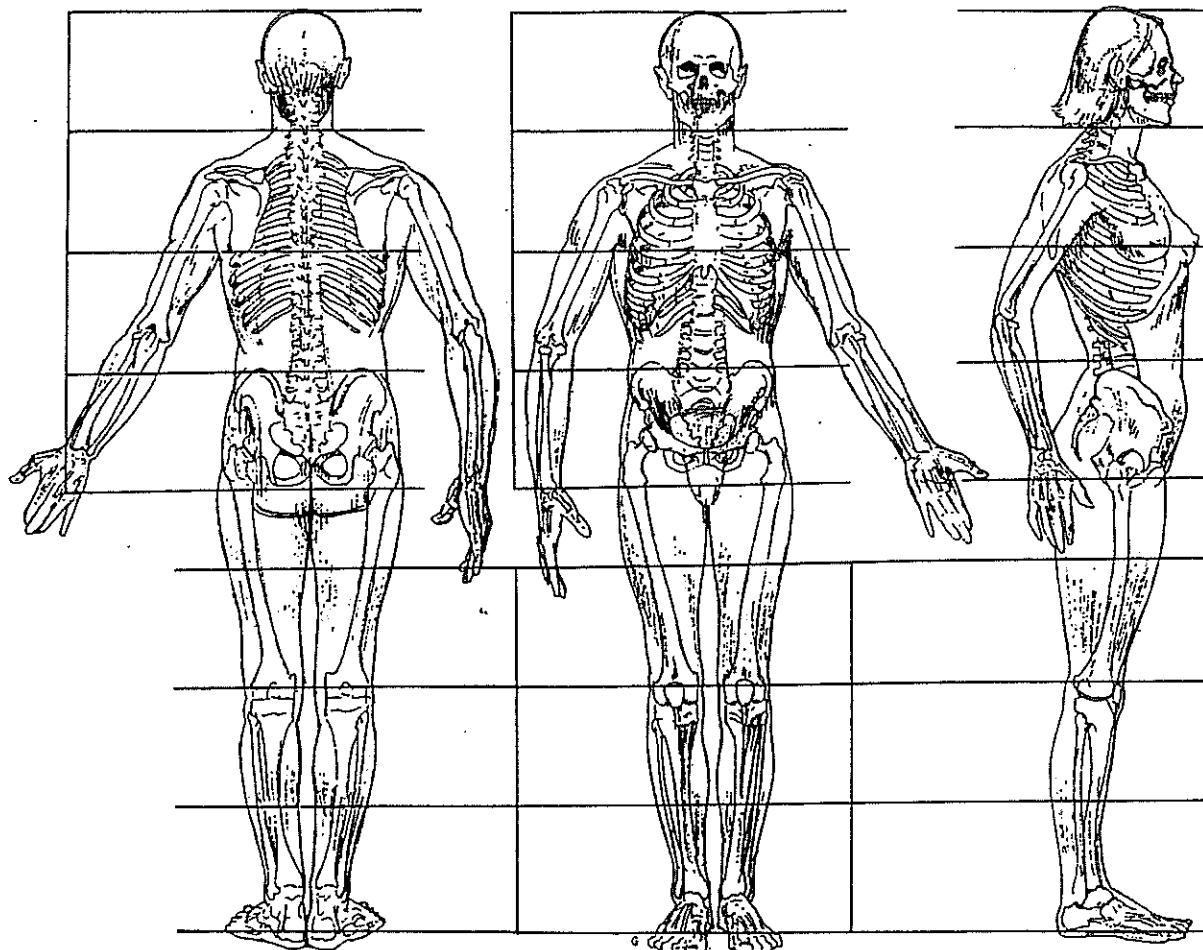


Principal Bones of the Human Body.





It is useful to know which bones are roughly the same in length. As Figure 3.45 illustrates, the sternum, scapula, clavicle, pelvis, ulna, radius, and skeleton of the foot all measure just over or under one skull-length. The bones of the wrist and hand are about three-fourths of a skull-length, as are the sacrum and coccyx together. The rib cage, humerus, tibia, and fibula are likewise similar in length, about one and one-half skull-lengths.

Some additional proportions worth noting are shown in Figure 3.46. It is one skull-length from the seventh cervical vertebra to the lower tip of the scapula, and one skull-length from that point to the iliac crest. Another skull-length down strikes a point just below the great

trochanter. The midpoint in the male skeleton is just at the pubic bone; in the female it is slightly above the pubic bone. Hence (fashion illustrations notwithstanding), the female's legs are slightly shorter relative to the height of the figure than is the case in the male figure. Both feet when placed together at the heels but pointed outward measure about one skull-length in the front view.