



“Family Tree” / Kindergarten / Expository / Beginner's Six Trait, 6-Point Rubric
Prompt: Something I Made

Ideas and Content 4/3	The Big Idea is stated clearly in one sentence. The picture adds meaningful detail, illustrating the family tree with (presumably) family portraits represented by the brown dots on the tree. Soon, this beginning writer will be able to flesh out her story with supporting detail in the text.
Organization 3/3	Elements within the text are correctly formatted, with the first word beginning on the first line, and consistent spacing between letters and words. A title would help to prepare readers for the content. Introduction and conclusion—not yet. The drawing reflects planning, balance, and careful placement of the elements within it.
Voice 4/4	Happy expressions on the faces of the two figures in the drawing and the big, warm sunshine are details that express the author's pride in making her family tree.
Word Choice 4/4	The words stand on their own to convey the message.
Sentence Fluency 4/3	A complete, well constructed sentence is present in the text. A few more sentences are needed to demonstrate variety, rhythm and flow, use of connectives, etc.
Conventions 4/4	Since this writer uses upper case letters, it is difficult to determine if the capital for the start of the sentence, (which happens to be the personal pronoun <i>I</i>)--is intentional, but we assume it is. Every word is spelled correctly, and the sentence ends with a period. Again, as writing skills progress and more words appear on the paper, readers will have more to go on.