After the arrival of the scarlet ibis, the most significant event for Doodle in this story is learning to walk. Imagine that you are Doodle, and write a letter to your brother about this experience. Tell him how you felt before, during, and after you learned to walk. Write about negative as well as positive feelings.

To begin your prewriting, use a chart like the one below to identify some of your feelings and reactions.

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Use your prewriting ideas to develop separate paragraphs in your letter about each period of time and work chronologically. Conclude your letter with a summary statement or a final thought or insight that you want your brother to consider. Remember that your tone should be informal: you are writing to your own brother who knows you better than anyone else.
After you complete your draft, have a partner read it and suggest revisions. Then proofread and edit your work for errors in spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

Please review the rubric below for evaluation and assessment of this writing assignment.

RUBRIC

1. Does the letter follow a chronological order of events? __________/10 points

2. Is the tone informal and sincere, as if the letter were written to a brother? __________/10 points

3. Does the letter conclude with a final thought or insight? __________/10 points

4. Is the letter proofread? Have all errors in grammar such as spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure been corrected? __________/10 Points

5. Does the format of the letter follow the style of letter writing to contain date, salutation, closing, and signature? __________/10 points

TOTAL SCORE _______________/50 POINTS