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CLIMAX: *The Cricket in Times Square*

Put a checkmark next to the sentence that best describes the climax of the story. On the lines below, explain your choice using complete sentences.

_____ Chester and his animal friends accidentally set fire to the newspaper stand.

_____ Harry Cat guides Chester to the right train for his return home.

Chester decides to go back to the country after giving a farewell concert at the newspaper stand.

The event described above is this story's climax because...

This event represents the climax of the story because it answers two main questions. First, will Chester stay in New York? His decision to go back home tells us that he will not. Second, will Chester be able to help the Bellini family out of their poverty? The farewell concert gains them a lasting reputation and saves the newspaper stand, answering this question in the affirmative.