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**SCORE/GRADE:**

**CLIMAX: *The Cricket in Times Square***

On the first set of lines below, finish the sentence by referring to a specific event or series of events from the story.

On the second set of lines below, explain how this event resolves the story's main *conflict*. Use complete sentences.

The climax of this story occurs when:

Chester decides to return home after playing a farewell concert which establishes the Bellinis' newsstand as a national landmark, thereby securing their financial success.

**Explanation:**

By playing his farewell concert, Chester does all he can to help the Bellinis escape poverty. Once he has secured their financial success, he feels free in his conscience to pursue his own natural desire for his country home. His friends recognize the sacrifice he has made for them and support him in his need to return to Connecticut. The man v. nature and man v. man conflicts are resolved through this concert, and Chester finally goes home with the support and aid of Mario and Tucker and Harry.