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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 climax demonstrates or emphasizes the story's *main idea*. Use complete sentences.

The climax of this story occurs when:

Chester decides to return home after playing a farewell concert that gains a lasting reputation, and financial success for the Bellinis.

Explanation:

In his decision to leave, Chester affirms his own need for freedom. He also loves Mario, and his choice to stay and play his concert communicates his gratitude and devotion to his friend. This final concert secures a good life for both Chester and his friends as he demonstrates both self-sacrifice for his loved ones, honorable actions in the face of difficulty, and freedom from slavery and cages.