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SCORE/GRADE:

GENERAL THEME: *The Cricket in Times Square*

On the lines below, answer the following question in a single (sentence / paragraph) Be sure to refer to the events of this story to explain your answer.

Are characters other than the protagonist ennobled, changed, saved, improved or otherwise affected by the events of this story? How? What do they learn?

Sentence:

Through his example of selfless friendship, Chester's friends learn to consider the needs of others as more important than their own; that is, they learn how to love.

Paragraph:

In the beginning, Tucker and Harry, as well as the Bellini family, are all consumed by their own troubles. Tucker and Harry are more concerned with their own retirement than the Bellini's situation. Mario considers only his own desires and not his parents' financial situation, and his parents in turn worry about providing more than taking care of helpless creatures like Chester. Chester is the one who first considers someone else's struggles and takes it on himself to help. This voluntary gift of his own time transforms the community. Because Chester himself demonstrates selfless love, when he finally needs to go back to the country to pursue his own freedom, Mario understands Chester's leaving and is glad for him. Harry Cat and Tucker Mouse also yield to their friend's wishes, help him, miss him, and plan to visit him. They pledge to look after the Bellinis. By the end, everyone has learned how to love through Chester's generosity, and in their gratitude for him, they support his choice to finally return home.