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READING QUIZ: *The Cricket in Times Square*

At what point in the story does EXPOSITION end and RISING ACTION begin? Why do you think so? Answer in a single (sentence / paragraph) on the lines below, making sure you refer to the events of the story.

The Exposition, in which Chester is taken from his country home to New York City, ends when Chester meets Tucker and Harry who tell him about the Bellinis' financial situation, and Chester begins to feel bound to help them.

After Chester tells his story to Tucker, the Rising Action of the story begins when Tucker explains who the Bellinis are. The family is poor and needy, as well as being generous for letting Chester stay in the newsstand to be Mario's friend. The episode with the two-dollar bill reveals that Chester's sense of dedication to the Bellinis and to Mario has already begun to sink in, a tension which keeps him from returning home for the majority of the story.