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Ethan's Turning Point

Directions: Read the passage carefully. Use the context clues to think about what might happen next in the story. Write a prediction in complete sentences. Then, explain why you made your prediction, using evidence from the passage.

Ethan paced back and forth in the small gymnasium, his palms sweaty. The science fair judges were making their way down the rows of tables, clipboards in hand. His project, a home made wind turbine, stood tall but wobbly, its blades turning slowly in the draft from the open door. Earlier that morning, a strong gust had almost toppled it, and he had scrambled to set it back up. Ethan could hear his classmates whispering about whose project might win first place, and he felt a knot tighten in his stomach. When the judges stopped at the table right before his, he took a deep breath and reached out to steady his turbine.

Question: What do you think will happen next, and why?

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