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First-Then-Finally Chart Answer Key

Model Chart:

- **First:** Ethan gathered materials to build a volcano model.
- **Then:** He built the volcano and mixed the ingredients to make it erupt.
- **Finally:** He presented the experiment to the judges and earned a ribbon.

Model Summary:

Ethan prepared materials to build a volcano, then made it erupt at the science fair, and finally presented it to the judges, who awarded him a ribbon.

Teacher Notes

- Remind students that **each box should only include the most important idea**, not tiny details (like the exact ingredients or clay color).
- This structure helps struggling readers focus on **sequence and brevity**, building confidence with summarizing.
- Encourage students to read their final summary aloud; if it sounds like the whole story in three steps, they've done it right.
- Extension: Have students try writing the same summary in only **10 words** for an extra challenge in being concise.