

## The Science Fair

1. What is the purpose of the 1<sup>st</sup> stanza?
2. What is the meaning of the underlined word in the below line from the 2<sup>nd</sup> stanza?  
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3. What is at least one possible theme of this poem. Provide evidence from the text to support the theme you chose.
4. What evidence from the poem supports the inference that the speaker was nervous while presenting his/her volcano?

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I look forward to the science fair  
Each and every year.  
But never have I won it yet,  
Something that I fear.  
Will I ever get that prize?  
A blue ribbon for my wall.  
This just pushes me harder  
To succeed before I fall.

This year I created a volcano  
Set to erupt when the judges would look.  
I had to formulate crazy ideas  
And spend heaps of time with my science book.  
I fashioned a remote control  
To set off the lava in time.  
But I was anxious about my work,  
Winning would be so sublime.

So I had to present my work  
And I did it as a ball of nerves.  
I mumbled and stumbled,  
And messed up most of my words.  
Then the judges came up to look  
And the volcano spewed goo.  
They beamed and clapped,  
And my anticipation grew.

I wasn't the first, or the last.  
So I had to sit and wait.  
It was very hard to sit still,  
As I waited to find out my fate.  
And as the judges wrapped up  
I felt butterflies in my gut.  
Would I finally win?  
I was weary of being stuck in this rut.

They marched by with the ribbons.  
Placing third place and then second.  
Then they backed up and looked again,  
Deciding last minute, I reckoned.  
And then the blue ribbon was appointed  
And my little heart began to race.  
It was the miracle I had asked for,  
Because I attained first place!