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Poland

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subject:

"Pan Samochodzik" ("Mister Automobile"/"Monsieur La Bagnolette"/"El Señor Cochesito")
- A Polish adventure book for teenagers

presentation: Microsoft Power Point

objects needed:

- handouts (2 pages per pair/group - the description of Mister Automobile (1 page) and of his vehicle (1 page))
- 2 blank sheets of paper and pens/crayons per pair/group

Step 1:

start the presentation. Introduce the character of Mister Automobile and its popularity in Poland. Introduce the author, Zbigniew Nienacki. Explain the possible origins of the name "Tomasz N.N." Talk about a series of 16 books by Nienacki and 82 books by his followers who wanted to continue Mr Automobile's adventures. Mention some most interesting titles. Mention the film adaptations. Stop at slide 16

Step 2:

divide the students into small groups. Give out handouts with the descriptions of Mr Automobile and of his magnificent vehicle. Give out pens and sheets of paper. Ask the students to read the texts carefully and to try to imagine Tomasz and his car. Ask them to draw the two pictures. In the meantime, explain all difficult words that the students may encounter on the handouts

Step 3:

gather all the pictures on a table, ask the students to choose their favourite ones

Step 4:

come back to the presentation. Show the pictures of the vehicle taken from different film adaptations of the books. Ask the students which vision of the vehicle they like best and to comment on the cars. Then show them pictures of some actors who played the role of Tomasz, ask them to comment on their resemblance (or the lack of it) to the image of Tomasz based on the text. Show the last picture - Ferrari 410 - that Tomasz's vehicle had an engine from