1.MK Hi, we’re the students from Poland.

2.MK Here we have some general information about Poland. The capital city is Warsaw. Poland has a population of around 38 million people. We are from Cracow, but we’ll talk more about that later.

3.AM So.. what is Poland famous for? Dumplings is the most recognisable part of Polish cuisine. Polish donuts Pączki are popular even in the USA. On Shrove Tuesday (in Poland called Fat Thursday) we eat as much of them as we can. We have also heard that Polish snack bars called Prince Polo are becoming very popular in Scandinavia (Sweden, is that true?). Polish amber is known as the Baltic gold. The Malbork Castle and salt mines in Bochnia and Wieliczka are on the UNESCO World Heritage List. However, in Poland there are plenty of other beautiful places worth seeing- for example Zalipie, also known as the Painted Village.

4.AM Among famous Poles of past ages there are F. Chopin, who composed his first piece of music when he was only 7 years old and Marie Skłodowska-Curie- the first woman to ever be given the Noble Prize and the only person who received this award in 2 different fields. Contemporarily known Poles are Pope John Paul 2 and Adam Małysz- a ski jumper.

5.AM There are lots of celebrities of Polish descent, for example Paul Wesley from the Vampire Diaries and Lisa Kudow known for her role of Phoebe in F.R.I.E.N.D.S.

6.MK As this Erasmus project is about books and reading, I'm going to present you some famous Polish authors. First, we have Adam Mickiewicz who is especially known for his epic poem "Sir Thaddeus". Next Henryk Sienkiewicz –the Nobel Prize winner, author of historical novels such as “Quo Vadis” and Stanisław Wyspiański with his drama “The Wedding”, the patron of our school. It is worth noticing that Polish literature of past eras grew out of history and was marked by patriotism.

7.MK Now, let’s move on to contemporary Polish literature. During the first reading campaign, we got to know Stanisław Mrożek and his drama "Tango”. Ryszard Kapuścinski is a Polish journalist and author of many reportages. Recently a movie based on his book "Another day of life" had a premiere.

8.MK Stanisław Lem was a science fiction writer. You may know him for the book “Solaris” which in 2002 was used as a base for a Steven Soderbergh’s film. Andrzej Sapkowski is a fantasy author. His book series “The Witcher” became the inspiration for very successful computer games and Netflix series, which is being filmed right now.

9.AM According to the studies of the National Library, only 38% of Poles read books. That is why many campaigns are carried out- for example National Reading and Poland reads to children, which encourage adults to read to their children every day.