**Poland- ‘The Raven and the Fox’-arrogance**

Fables are funny stories which have instructed people for ages. One of the greatest writers of the Polish Enlightenment -IgnacyKrasicki –set down his observations of the world and human nature. Heroes of his fables weren’t people but animals which presented the basic features of human nature.The animal characters allow to obtain the distance and to be objective as they are live performances of some specific features e.g. lion is brave, fox is fearful, cowardly and clever.

Krasicki’s fables meet one of the most important postulate of Enlightening in the literature – have teaching and moralizing character. The author shows defects, vices and human weaknesses. ‘The Raven and Fox’ is one of his most popular fables. It is about a raven sitting on a tree with a big piece of cheese. When the fox saw a tasty piece of cheese he started prasing the bird and eventually the raven dropped the cheese. This simple story depicts the vanity and the stupidity of the bird. The raven reflects proud and narcissistic person, whereas the fox is clever and cunning as it uses someone else's weakness.

‘ The Raven and the the Fox’ fable describes the fact how proud and naive people can be. All in all fables teach us life, they show what we should or shouldn’t do, things which are good and bad for us and things that we should avoid.

All the merits presented in Krasicki’s series of Fables and Parbles are as much true nowadays as in the Enlightenment when they were written. The world around us changes with every minute but the human nature has almost not changed, our basic defects, virtues, vices and human capacity remained the same. Therefore Krasicki’s works are timeless and still perfectly illustrate the human nature.