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Teacher Notes and Activities

Monsieur Albert Rides to Glory

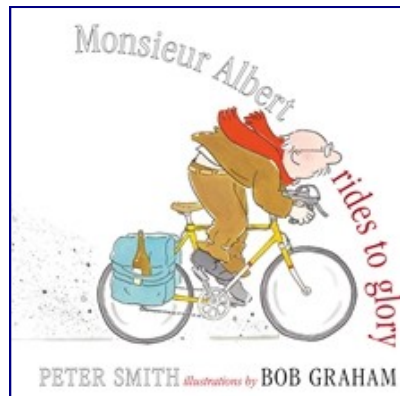
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*There's a hush in the crowd as the mayor lifts his gun,
then an ear-splitting Bang! and the race has begun,
with a flashing of goggles and pale cyclists' knees,
and a murmuring sound like the bumble of bees.*

Monsieur Albert enters the Grand Cycle Race, but he's up against Francois, the champion of France. Can he possibly win?



Themes:

- Cycling
- Having a go
- Not giving up

Discussion Points:

- Although the book doesn't say which race it is about, can you guess which one you think this book is referring to? As a class, make a list of the clues that there are, including all the names and places.
- Do you like to ride a bike? If so, what do you like about it? Who do you like to ride with?
- What are some of the advantages of riding a bike?
- Monsieur Albert decided to just 'have a go' and enter the race and he didn't give up, even when he was last. What characteristics does this show?
- Think of a time when you showed these qualities and share it with the class.
- Are there situations in your everyday life that you could be more like Albert?
- How did Albert feel at the end of the race?

Activities:

- Investigate whether there are any cycle paths in your area. If so, organise with your family to have a day out exploring your local area.
- Make your own bike. Use a variety of materials such as straws and other materials that you can find at home.
- Create a poster highlighting all the 'French' things that are mentioned in the story.