Carl Hiaasen is the author of many adult and children’s novels. At this café station you will learn about Hiaasen, his life and work and his thoughts on writing.

Work in pairs and follow these directions to go to the Hiaasen Literary Café web page to learn about Carl Hiassen’s life and his novels through database articles and interview videos with Hiaasen. Then answer the questions below. If time, you can view the book trailers as well.

Directions:

2. Select the tab on the web site labeled Author Study.
3. In the Carl Hiaasen Biography box, follow the directions to search the Research in Context database and read an article about Carl Hiaasen.
4. In the Carl Hiaasen Biography box, view the Flush Book trailer and Interview with Hiaasen video.
5. Answer the questions on this handout. Share your answers with your group.

QUESTIONS

1. Where has he lived his entire life? What does he do for a living in addition to writing his novels?

2. Why do you think Hiaasen includes environmental issues in his children’s books?

3. Identify and discuss with your group one thing about Carl Hiaasen that you found interesting. If you could meet him and ask him one question, what would it be? Why would you ask that question?

If you have extra time, watch the Writing Tips video and the book trailers.
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