# Antaeus by Borden Deal

Background: Antaeus was a giant in Greek mythology, whose mother was Gaea, the earth goddess. No one could defeat him in wrestling because each time his body touched the Earth, his strength was renewed. He was finally defeated by Hercules, who strangled him while holding him in the air. the story we will be reading is about a modern Antaeus.

Before reading:

1) With a partner come up with 5 inferences as to what you think the story may be about. Write these on a piece of loose-leaf. Once you have come up with 5 ideas turn to another group and share what you came up with.

2) Quick Write- take one of the ideas that your group came up with and create a 5-minute quick write on it. What you choose to write and how you choose to write it is up to you. Be creative!

During Reading:

As we are reading the short story jot down any words or phrases that are:

* new to you
* create a strong image in your mind
* leave you with questions
* etc.

After Reading:

1. Were there any similarities between your inferences and what the story was about? Explain.
2. A leader has ideas and vision, the ability to inspire others with a definite confidence in his idea and vision, and the ability to make plans toward a definite goal. Which of these qualities did T.J. have? Point to specific evidence in the story to support your answer.
3. Why do you think the story is called Antaeus? What do Antaeus and T.J. have in common. What do you think the author is trying to say through this story?

Writing Notebook:

People will usually support a leader who has qualities they admire. Write a character sketch of a person you know whom you admire.