

## Worksheet for “Antaeus”

1. Setting is important for this story. So, where do the events take place?
2. The author mentions a “flat, tarred roof.” Why does the construction become important?
3. TJ is your protagonist. What does he persuade other teens to do?
4. You have heard of gangs. How dangerous is the gang here?
5. The gang plans a project. How do they gather materials?
6. The project succeeds. What new conflict, what new plot arises because of that success?
7. What does TJ do about this new conflict?
8. What does the rest of the gang do?
9. The project makes a contrast with “the bare sterility of black tar, . . . the harsh texture of it under the soles of our shoes.” What is the point of the contrast?
10. What did TJ do because of what happened with the project?