“Land of the Giants”
– Alex Tizon

Active Reading

Rhetoric 101: Definition Essay #3
As always, you should be looking up words you do not know while you read and marking areas of interest, confusion, or discussion points you’d like to raise in class.

Annotate for the following as you read:

- How does Tizon organize his argument? Why?
- What is his central thesis?
- Do you feel his argument is successful? Why or why not?
- Are there any key terms he has to define?

Questions for after reading:

1. Why does Tizon use the term *chinky*? Is this effective?
2. What is the purpose of Tizon’s argument?
3. List as many consequences/sacrifices as you can find in the text regarding immigrating to a different country and adopting that country as your own.
4. What does American Dream mean to Tizon?
5. How does physical appearance play a role in being classified as American? Can you at all relate with Tizon in terms of this issue?