

## Short Read 3 • Myth

Read the passage. Then answer questions 1–10.

### *Thor's Hammer*



- 1 A long time ago in the northern countries of Scandinavia, when the clouds rumbled and lightning crackled across the sky, people blamed Thor, the Norse god of thunder, and his hammer, Mjölnir. This hammer was so powerful that it could crush a mountain in a single blow. Thor was likely to fling his hammer at the least provocation. The hammer never missed its target and, incredibly, it flew back to Thor's fist when its work was done.
- 2 People throughout the land feared eruptions of Thor's temper—until his hammer was stolen. Without it, Thor was almost helpless; he could neither smash mountains nor subdue his enemies. Thor angrily blamed the trickster god named Loki, who was fond of pranks.
- 3 "I didn't take your hammer, but I know where it is," Loki confessed. "It is in the land of the Frost Giants."

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