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Skill: Reading Comprehension

Read the story and answer the questions.

Thor

Students often study about Greek gods and goddesses, but often skip Norse mythology. The word "Norse" comes from the Scandinavian countries of Northern Europe. Norway, Sweden and Finland are Scandinavian countries. One of the most famous Norse gods is Thor. Thor was the god of war and thunder. He was second in command to Odin, the chief god. The Norse people loved Thor because he fought against the giants who threatened their homes. Thor had a magic hammer that came back to him after he hurled it at his foes. He was also able to double his strength when he put on his belt. Thor was strong, but was not thought to be very smart. His memory lives on today. In fact, we speak of him every Thursday. The actual meaning of Thursday is "Thor's day!"

1. What is the main idea of this story? (Circle the answer)
 - A. Thor was not very smart.
 - B. Thor, a figure from Norse mythology, is still remembered today.
 - C. Thor had a magic hammer.
2. Thor was the god of: (Circle the answer)
 - A. Thursday
 - B. Odin
 - C. war and thunder



3. How was Thor able to double his strength?

4. Why did the Norse people love Thor?

5. What tool did Thor use against his enemies?

6. A god who was higher in command than Thor was: (Circle the answer)
 - A. struck by Thor's magic hammer
 - B. Norse
 - C. Odin