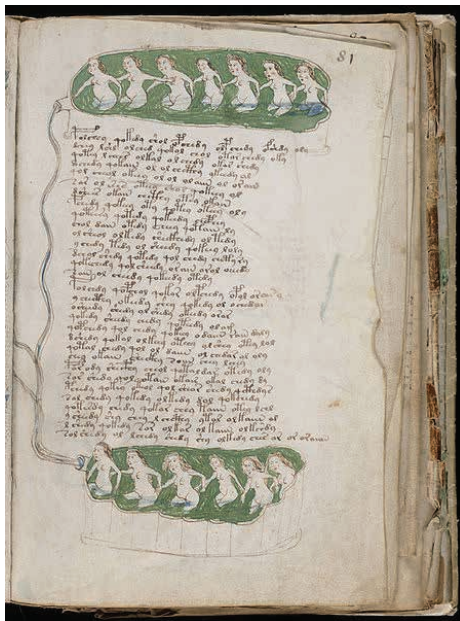
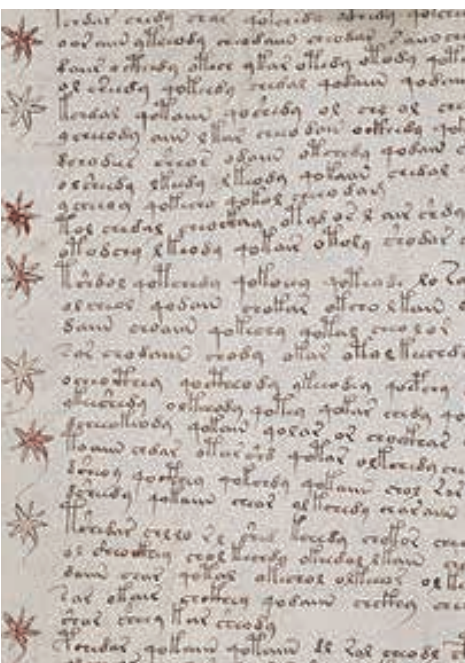




Voynich Manuscript

The Voynich manuscript is one of the most mysterious texts in the world. It is believed to have been written in the early 1400s, possibly in Northern Italy. No one knows who the author is. The manuscript is written in an unknown alphabet and language. No one has been able to decipher the code. The illustrations suggest that it is a book on pharmacy and medicine. There are many pictures of plants and medical and astronomical diagrams that match medieval medicine.

Answer the questions on the following page.



There are many languages from thousands of years ago that are not spoken anymore, but most of them are still understood by a few scholars and were not forgotten by history. What if the Voynich manuscript was written in a forgotten language of the 1400s? How do you think the language was forgotten and why?

Some people think the Voynich manuscript was meant to be indecipherable. If it really was written to be a kind of riddle or puzzle, why do you think the author would have done that?

What do you think the Voynich Manuscript is? It could be anything from a dictionary to a personal diary. Or maybe the whole thing is just a hoax. Tell your version of how it came to be!