Ancient Egypt

Ancient Egypt was a civilization of ancient northeast Africa, concentrated along the lower reaches of the Nile River, in what is now the modern country of Egypt. Ancient Egypt was one of the earliest civilizations, and was a contemporary of the Mesopotamian civilizations of ancient Sumer, Akkad and Assyria. Ancient Egypt was a powerful kingdom, ruled by a series of hereditary rulers called pharaohs, and was divided into many smaller states during most periods of its history. The ancient Egyptians left behind a rich legacy of art and architecture. Many of their cultural achievements, such as the calendar, the construction of irrigation systems, and the first known use of a written language, are still in use today.