Ancient Egypt was one of the greatest and most powerful civilizations in the history of the world. The civilization of Ancient Egypt was located along the Nile River in northeastern Africa. The Nile was the source of much of the Ancient Egypt's wealth. Ancient Egypt was a racially diverse place, because the Nile River drew people from all over the region. Egyptian writings do not suggest that Ancient Egypt was built, ruled, and populated by dark-skinned people. The ancient Egyptians were the first people of antiquity to believe in life after death. They were the first to build in stone and to fashion the arch in stone and brick. The great monuments which are still celebrated for reflect the depth and grandeur of Egyptian culture which influenced so many ancient civilizations, among them: Ancient Egypt - The Children's University of Manchester. The ancient Egyptians were the first people of antiquity to believe in life after death.