*Light House*: The history of lighthouses refers to the development of the use of towers, buildings, or other types of structures, as an aid to navigation for maritime pilots at sea or on inland waterways. The modern era of lighthouses began at the turn of the 18th century. Advances in structural engineering and new and efficient lighting equipment allowed for the creation of larger and more powerful lighthouses, including ones exposed to the sea. The function of lighthouses shifted toward the provision of a visible warning against shipping hazards, such as rocks or reefs.