**Ancient Egyptian Geography**

* Ancient Egyptians themselves believed their country was divided into two distinct geographical sections, the black land (the fertile banks of the river Nile) and the red land (the barren desert that covered the rest of the country).
* The location of ancient Egypt was in **North-Eastern Africa**, having formed and flourished along the lower portion of the Nile River.
* It made up most of what is now the modern Arab Republic of Egypt.
* Ancient Egypt had four main divisions of its land, the first two being the **Upper and Lower Egypt**.
* Upper Egypt actually referred to lands to the south (based on the flow of Nile)
* Upper Egypt was little more than a river valley, only about two miles wide at its narrowest and 12 at its widest
* Lower Egypt was the wide delta sitting where the modern city of Cairo is now.
* The last two divisions were between **red and black land**
* The western desert contained the occasional oasis
* eastern desert was mostly barren and hostile, save for mines and quarries.