

# The Last 12,000 Years

Globally

In Illinois

Archaeological  
Periods

12,000  
Years Ago

Spear  
Cordage and fibers  
Hunting tundra big game

Clovis

Ice age tundra  
vegetation gives  
way to spruce and  
fir forests.

Paleo

10,000

Hardin  
Barbed  
Kirk  
Gathering (and hunting  
'modern' animals)

Dalton

MacCorkle

Thebes  
&  
St.  
Charles

LeCroy

Prairie grasslands &  
deciduous forests

Early Archaic

8,000

Domestication of dogs  
Grinding stones

Development of 7 day week  
Discovery of planets (Mid-East)

Semi Permanent Villages

Raddatzl

Middle Archaic

6,000

Gourd domestication

First Cities (Mesopotamia)

Pharaohs in Egypt

Matanza

Merome/  
Trimble  
& Karnak

Lamoka

Indians begin regular  
burning to revitalize  
and enlarge prairies.

Late Archaic

4,000

Long distance trade

Proto-Algonquins migrate  
from Pacific Northwest

Solomon's Temple

Saratoga

Bottleneck/  
Table Rock

Algonquin cultures developing  
Pottery

Kramer

Motley

Gary

Adena

Red Ochre

2,000

Grain domestication

Earth's circumference  
measured in Egypt  
Qin Dynasty in China  
'Medicine' Wheels in  
the Great Plains

Steuben

Snyder

Bow and arrow  
Corn agriculture

Jack's Reef

Madison

Sequoyah

Cahokia  
Hunting: buffalo

Missis-  
sippian

Columbus

American Revolution

Marquette & Joliet

Dredging/draining the swamps

— Now —

• Old Testament Events  
• Chinese Empire  
• Dark or Middle Ages  
• Roman Empire