EACH SQUARE = 1 YEAR
EACH ROW = 200 YEARS
THE ERA OF FOSSIL FUELS
IS BUT A BRIEF MOMENT IN THE LONG AND AWESOME SPAN OF HUMAN HISTORY

land art generator initiative

25000 BCE
FIRST WORKS OF ART DEPICTING THE HUMAN FORM

13856 BCE
PAINTINGS AT LASCAUX, FRANCE

11550 BCE
BEGINNING OF THE NEW STONE AGE

9500 BCE
AGRICULTURE IN SUMARIA

7000 BCE
AGRICULTURE SPREADS TO INDIA

7340 BCE
PAINTED TERRA COTTA VASE, PEILIGANG CULTURE OF CHINA

4400 BCE
HORSES ARE DOMESTICATED

3250 BCE
FIRST KNOWN PAPYRUS PAPER USED IN EGYPT ACCOMPANIES DEVELOPMENT OF HIEROGLYPHIC WRITING SYSTEM, SUMERIAN CIVILIZATION TAKES FORM IN TIGRIS-EUPHRATES RIVER VALLEY

3250 BCE
BRONZE IS FIRST FABRICATED BY COMBINING TIN AND COPPER, SUMERIANS DEVELOP A PHONETIC ALPHABET

5500 BCE
EGYPTIANS WEAVE FLAX INTO FABRIC, INVENTION OF CROP IRRIGATION

2900 BCE
THE GREAT PYRAMID OF CHEOPS IS CONSTRUCTED AT GIZA

1400 BCE
FABRICATION OF IRON INVENTED IN ARMENIA

3050 BCE
FIRST KNOWN MEDICAL TREATISE WRITTEN ON PAPYRUS

2205 BCE
HSIA DYNASTY FOUNDED IN CHINA

1792BCE
HAMMURABI CONQUERS MESOPOTAMIA

753 BCE
FOUNDING OF ROME

321 BCE
HINDU MAURYAN DYNASTY FOUNDED IN INDIA

2700 BCE
FOUNDING OF MINOAN CIVILIZATION

1288 BCE
RAMSES II FIGHTS THE HITTITES AT THE BATTLE OF KADESH

1900 BCE
COTTON USED FOR THE FIRST TIME TO WEAVE FABRIC BY THE HARAPPANS

670 BCE
INVENTION OF IRONWORKING

1638 CE
GALILEO'S PRINCIPLES OF FALLING BODIES

1540 BCE
EGYPT DEFEATS NUBIANS

1088 BCE
FIRST MODERN UNIVERSITY FOUNDED IN BOLOGNA

490 BCE
GREEK BATTLE OF MARATHON

1450 BCE
GREEKS CONQUER THE MINOANS

1010 BCE
KING SAUL KILLED BY THE PHILISTINES, SUCCEEDED BY KING DAVID

202 BCE
HANNIBAL DEFEATED BY ROME

1184 BCE
TROY FALLS TO GREEKS UNDER COMMAND OF AGAMEMNON

632 CE
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FIRST ISLAMIC CALIPHATE

559 BCE
CYRUS THE GREAT CROWNED KING OF PERSIA AND MEDEA

280 CE
UNIFICATION OF CHINA UNDER CHIN DYNASTY

105 CE
FIRST USE OF MODERN PAPER

730 CE
BLOCK PRINTING INVENTED IN CHINA

935 CE
KORYO DYNASTY UNITES KOREA

1543 CE
COPERNICUS CLAIMS THAT THE EARTH CIRCLES THE SUN

1353 CE
ENDING OF SEVEN YEAR BUBONIC PLAGUE THAT KILLED HALF OF EUROPE'S POPULATION

27 BCE
AUGUSTUS CROWNED FIRST ROMAN EMPEROR

814 BCE
CARTHAGE FOUNDED BY THE PHOENICIANS

1215 CE
MAGNA CARTA

1455 CE
GUTENBERG'S MOVEABLE TYPE

1271 CE
MARCO POLO TRAVELS TO CHINA

476 CE
FALL OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE

1492 CE
COLUMBUS LANDS IN THE AMERICAS

1742 CE
COAL MINING YIELDS FIRST FIVE MILLION TONS WORLDWIDE

990 CE
KINGDOM OF GHANA DEFEATS SAHARAN BERBERS

800 CE
CHARLEMAGNE CROWNED KING OF HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE

1415 CE
BRUNELLESCHI INVENTS LINEAR PERSPECTIVE DRAWING

1590 CE
JAPAN UNIFIED UNDER TOYOTOMI HIDEYOSHI

2009 CE
THE LAND ART GENERATOR INITIATIVE IS PROPOSED

1859 CE
OIL DRILLING BEGINS IN TITUSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

2080 CE
WORLD OIL RESOURCES ARE ENTIRELY DEPLETED BY THIS YEAR

2320 CE
WHAT WILL THE FUTURE BE LIKE IN A WORLD WITHOUT FOSSIL FUEL?

2155 CE
WORLD COAL RESOURCES DEPLETED ENTIRELY BY THIS YEAR

EACH HORIZONTAL HASH INDICATES A MILLENNIUM

EACH VERTICAL HASH INDICATES A DECADE