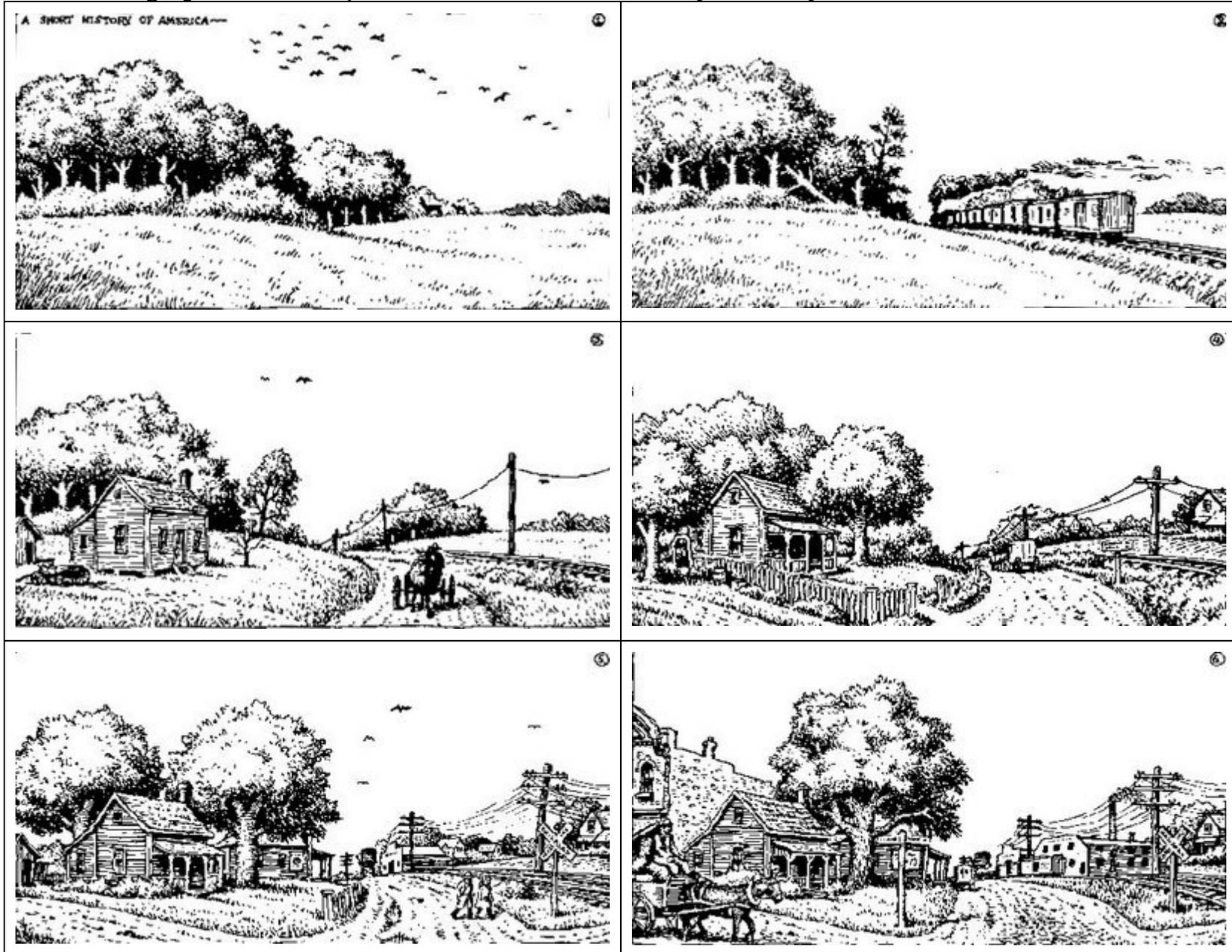
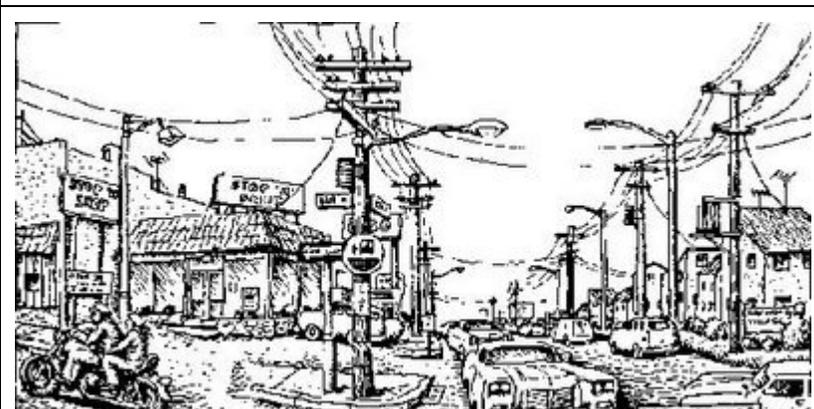
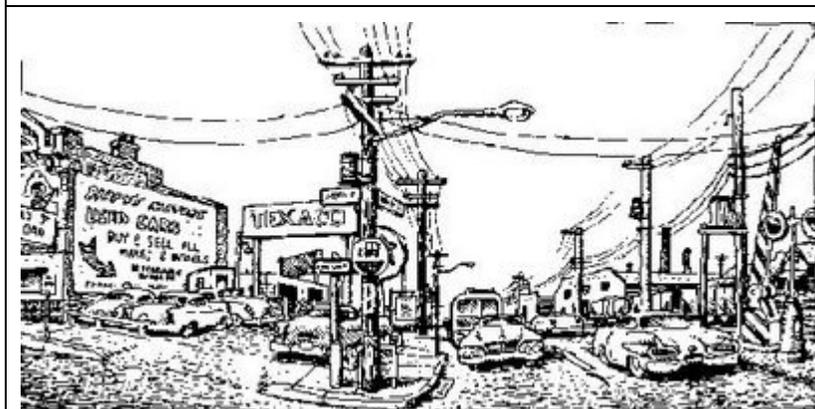


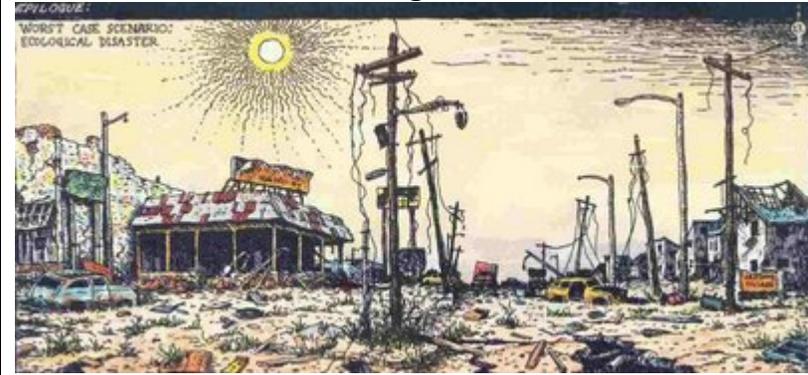
A Short History of America by Robert Crumb (Co-Evolutionary Quarterly 1979)



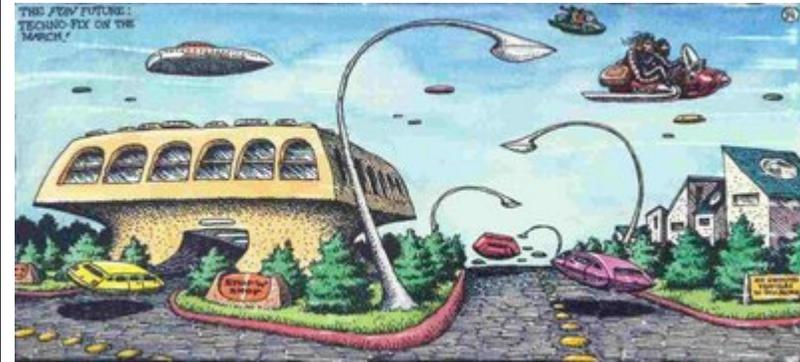


IN 1980, Robert Crumb added these three panels, entitled “Epilogue”

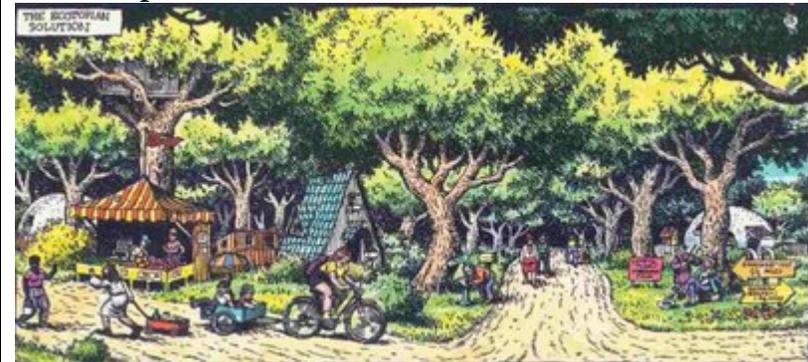
Worst Case Scenario: Ecological Disaster



The Fun Future: Techno-Fix on the March!



The Ectopian Solution



Questions for Discussion

1. Do you agree with Crumb’s view of American history? Why or why not?
2. What is the effect of humanity on the land? Do you think the author is exaggerating these effects? Why or why not?
3. What other cause-and-effect elements can you identify in this essay?
4. How does Crumb portray the passage of time? How can you identify the era or decade where each panel takes place?
5. What do you imagine is the cause of “Ecological Disaster”, “Fun Future”, and/or “The Ectopian Solution”? Why?
6. What is the thesis of this graphic essay?

Questions for Writing

1. Write an essay where you explain the causes of the changes you see going on in your neighborhood?
2. Write an essay where you predict what your neighborhood will look like in twenty years?