unfolding in time alone, might be called imperial history,' writes Paul Carter in The Road to Botany Bay (xvi). What he proposes instead (in his rewriting of the 'history' of Australia) is a 'spatial history' of 'horizons, possible tracks, bounding spaces' (xxi). Carter's 'postmodern geography' (Soja) has its literary analogue in Ashcroft/Griffiths/Tiffin's contention that postcolonialist texts 'run European history aground in a new and overwhelming space which annihilates time and imperial purpose' (34). This is to return to the debate over history initiated by Frank's essay, and to recontextualize it. (See \*materialist criticism, \*postmodernism, \*post-colonial theory.) RICHARD CAVELL

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## Story/plot

The concepts of *fabula* [story] and *siuzhet* [plot] were employed by Russian formalists to distinguish between the raw material of \*literature and the aesthetic rearrangement of that material in narrative fiction. (See Russian \*formal-ism.) The basic difference between the two

