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Class #5: *Cloud Atlas* 4

ENGL 10: Global Fictions

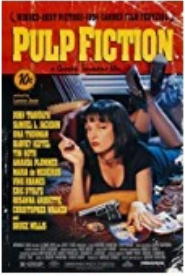
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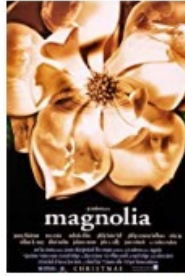
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Movies with Multiple Storylines, 1994-2007



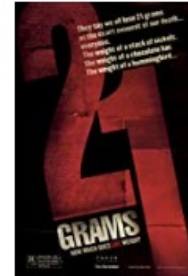
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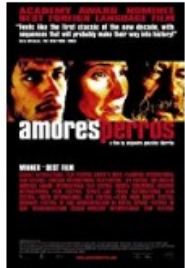
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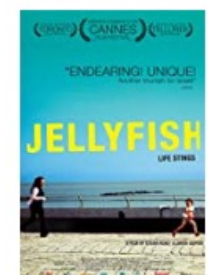
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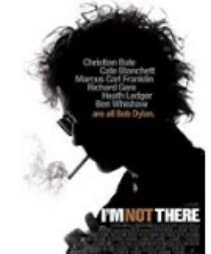
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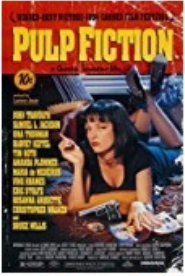
- 1) Retain international character but under a more **consolidated** structure.
- 2) Situated globally but the **perspective is more rooted in** a specific location.
- 3) Far more associated with mass, popular culture.
- 4) Emphasize **multiple possibilities** without really providing real alternatives.

Babel (2006)-
Alejandro
González Iñárritu

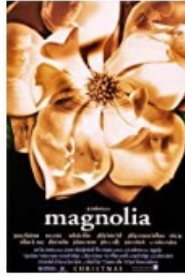


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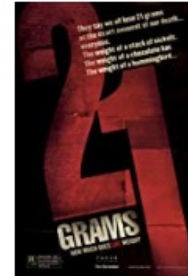
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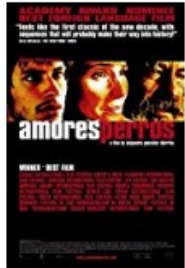
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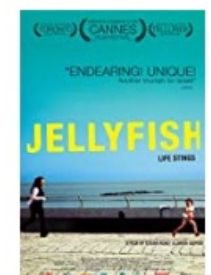
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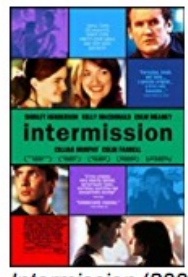
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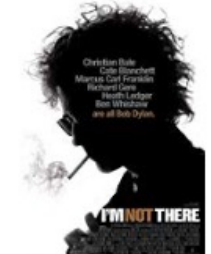
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met·a·nar·ra·tive

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noun

1. a narrative account that experiments with or explores the idea of storytelling, often by drawing attention to its own artificiality.
"Don Quixote is a work of fiction but also a metanarrative"
2. an overarching account or interpretation of events and circumstances that provides a pattern or structure for people's beliefs and gives meaning to their experiences.
"traditional religions provide stories that deliver a metanarrative about how we should live our lives"

What is the relationship between authorial mastery and colonial mastery?

Why is the worldmaking project of the multiple storyline film considered prestigious?

NARRATIVE → METANARRATIVE

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Opening of
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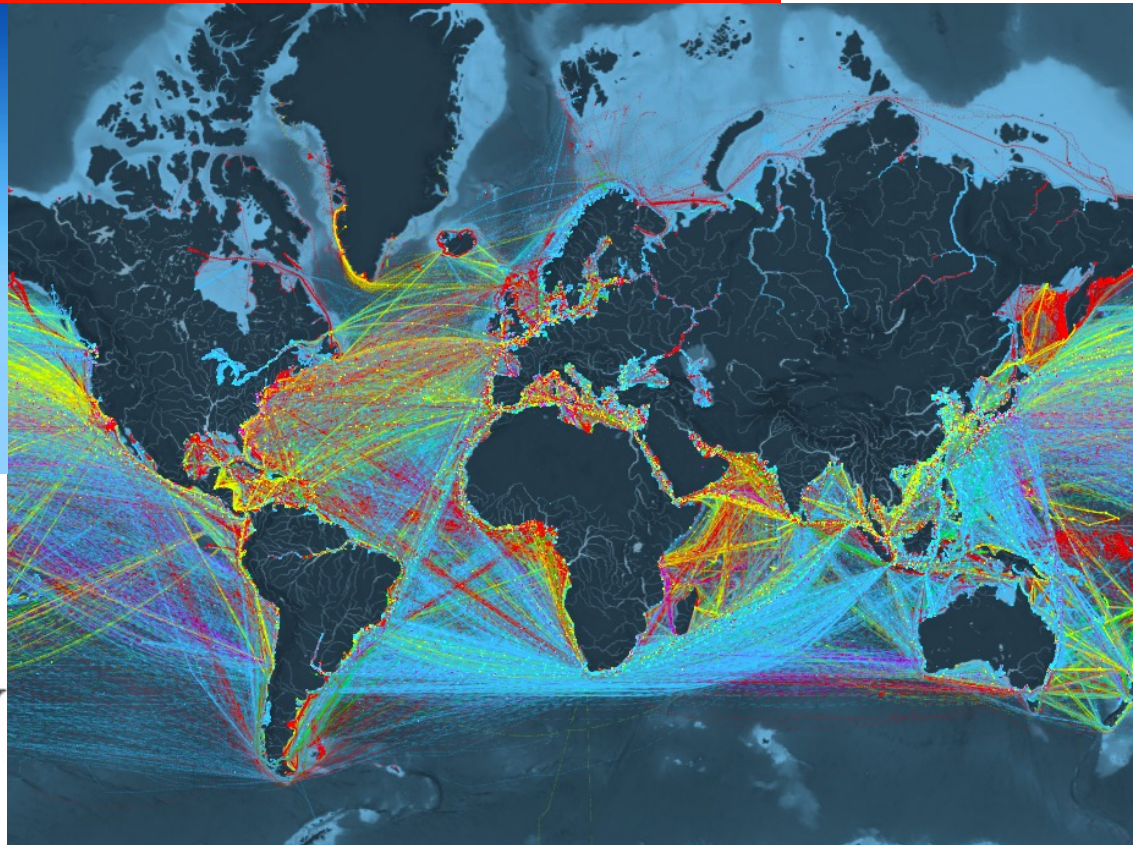
FAMILY => NETWORK

Multiple story plots complicate ordinary social connections (family, history, etc.) in order to point toward more abstract systemic relations.

They break down existing social formations in order to rebuild them in alternate forms.

Narrative about social group => Metanarrative about social system

WTO Aesthetics!



WORLD TRADE
ORGANIZATION



"WHEN ELEPHANTS MATE, MANY ANTS GET CRUSHED"
(AFRICAN PROVERB)



WTO TALKS

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Or, what does it mean that they coincide in *Cloud Atlas* at the very heart of the novel?

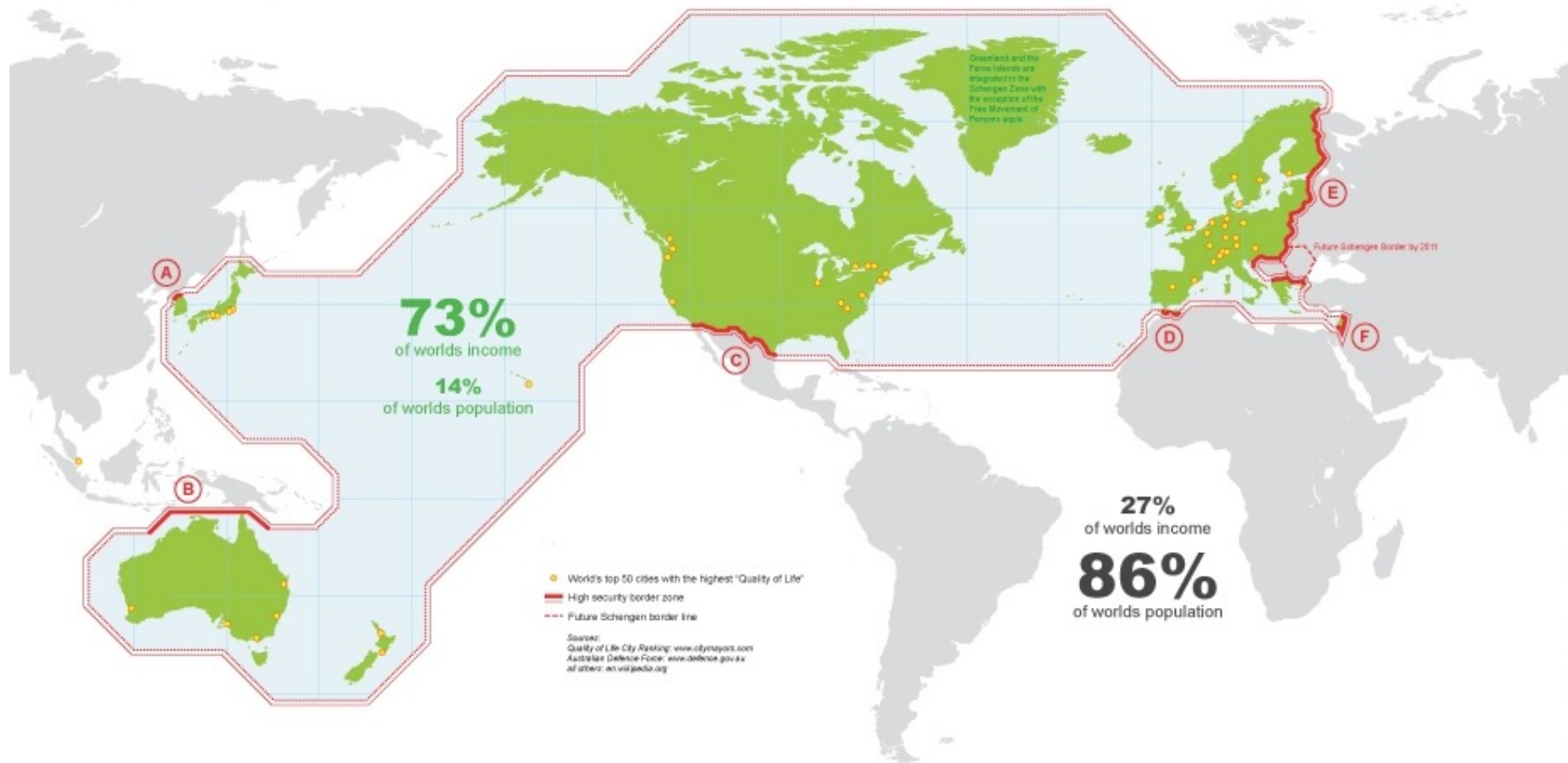
- *Cloud Atlas* from very early on in the novel tracks the repetitive devolution of history, in Marx's terms, from tragedy to farce.
- **HOWEVER**, and this is the tricky part, history is also paradoxically preserved by the very mechanisms that function to erase it.

Cloud Atlas focuses on the problem of the minority by emphasizing “lateral” relations over “vertical” relations.

In so doing, it also supplants a historical sense of minority with a formal sense of minority (preview).



Walled World



A The Demilitarized Zone (or DMZ)
 in Korea is a strip of land running across the Korean Peninsula that serves as a buffer zone between North and South Korea. The DMZ was created in the ceasefire of July 27th 1953 and cuts the Korean Peninsula roughly in half. It is 248 km long and approximately 4 km wide.

B The Australian Defence Force
 (ADF) conducts surveillance and response operations in Australia's northern approaches. Since September 2001 it doubled the number of days Customs vessels are at sea and increased flying hours for surveillance aircraft by 20 per cent. Under a proposed legislation from June 2006 all new boat arrivals would be transferred offshore to have their asylum claims processed. In May 2006 the Ministry of Defense laid out a plan for an enlarged navy to conduct independent military operations.

D The Melilla border fence
 is a separation barrier between Morocco and the Spanish city of Melilla. The razor wire barrier cost Spain €33 million to construct. It consists of 11 km of parallel 3 m high fences topped with barbed wire. Its height is doubled to 6 m.

The Ceuta border fence
 is a separation barrier between Morocco and the Autonomous City of Ceuta, in Spain. Construction of the €30-million razor wire barrier was financed by the European Union. It consists of parallel 3-metre fences topped with barbed wire.

E Schengen Border
 is an agreement among European states which allows for common policy on the temporary entry of persons and a border system. A total of 31 countries – including all European Union states except the Republic of Ireland and the United Kingdom, but including non-EU members Iceland, Norway, and Switzerland – have signed the agreement and 25 have fully implemented it so far. The Republic of Ireland and the United Kingdom did not sign the Schengen Agreement but take part in the Schengen co-operation and use the Schengen Information System for law enforcement purposes.

C The United States–Mexico barrier
 is actually several separation barriers designed to prevent illegal immigration into the United States. The 3,140 km border between the United States and Mexico traverses a variety of terrains, including urban areas and deserts. The barrier is located mainly in the urban sections of the border which include San Diego, California and El Paso, Texas. Between 1998 and 2004, 1,954 persons are officially reported to have died along the US-Mexico border. According to 'No More Deaths', 1,086 bodies of migrants have been recovered in the southern Arizona desert between 2004 and 2006. The 'Secure Fence Act of 2006' enacted in October 2006 allows for over 1,100 km of double-reinforced fence.

F The West Bank barrier
 is a physical barrier being constructed by Israel consisting of a network of fences with vehicle-barrier trenches surrounded by an on average 60 meters wide exclusion area and up to 8 meters high concrete walls. As of January 2006 the length of the barrier as approved by the Israeli government is 670 kilometers. Approximately 58% has been constructed, 9% is under construction and construction has not yet begun on 33%.

Accelerated through the fear from the attacks of 9/11 and all what followed, the so called "Western Society" is constructing the greatest wall ever build on this planet. On different building sites on all five inhabitable continents, walls, fences and high-tech border surveillance are under construction in order to secure the citizens and their high quality of life within this system. The fall of the Berlin Wall was described as the historical moment that marks the demolition of world's last barrier between nation states. Yet it took the European Union only six years to create with the Schengen Agreement in 1995 a new division only 80km offset to the east of Berlin. Together with the wall in Israel, the US- Mexican border, the Australian Coast Defence and the DMZ in Korea, it makes part of a worldwide system that contains an exclusive society (14% of worlds population) with an average income of € 2.500,-/month versus the ones in front of the wall with an average income of only € 150,-/month.