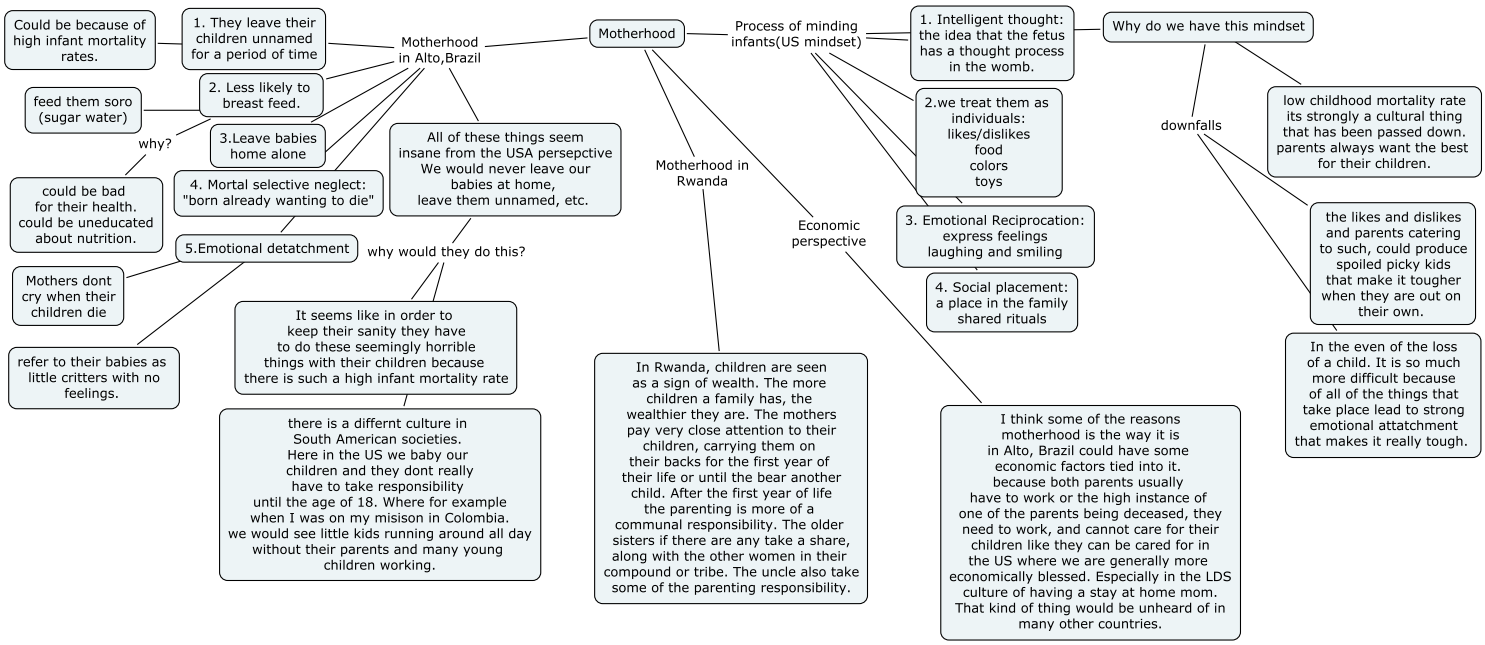
Motherhood
Motherhood in Alto,Brazil
1. They leave their children unnamed for a period of time
Could be because of high infant mortality rates.
2. Less likely to breast feed.
feed them soro (sugar water)
3.Leave babies home alone
4. Mortal selective neglect: "born already wanting to die"
5.Emotional detatchment
why?
could be bad for their health. could be uneducated about nutrition.
Mothers dont cry when their children die
refer to their babies as little critters with no feelings.
All of these things seem insane from the USA persepctive We would never leave our babies at home, leave them unnamed, etc.
why would they do this?
It seems like in order to keep their sanity they have to do these seemingly horrible things with their children because there is such a high infant mortality rate
there is a differnt culture in South American societies. Here in the US we baby our children and they dont really have to take responsibility until the age of 18. Where for example when I was on my misison in Colombia. we would see little kids running around all day without their parents and many young children working.
Motherhood in Rwanda
In Rwanda, children are seen as a sign of wealth. The more children a family has, the wealthier they are. The mothers pay very close attention to their children, carrying them on their backs for the first year of their life or until the bear another child. After the first year of life the parenting is more of a communal responsibility. The older sisters if there are any take a share, along with the other women in their compound or tribe. The uncle also take some of the parenting responsibility.
Economic perspective
I think some of the reasons motherhood is the way it is in Alto, Brazil could have some economic factors tied into it. because both parents usually have to work or the high instance of one of the parents being deceased, they need to work, and cannot care for their children like they can be cared for in the US where we are generally more economically blessed. Especially in the LDS culture of having a stay at home mom. That kind of thing would be unheard of in many other countries.
Process of minding infants(US mindset)
1. Intelligent thought: the idea that the fetus has a thought process in the womb.
2.we treat them as individuals: likes/dislikes food colors toys
3. Emotional Reciprocation: express feelings laughing and smiling
4. Social placement: a place in the family shared rituals
Why do we have this mindset
low childhood mortality rate its strongly a cultural thing that has been passed down. parents always want the best for their children.
downfalls
the likes and dislikes and parents catering to such, could produce spoiled picky kids that make it tougher when they are out on their own.
In the even of the loss of a child. It is so much more difficult because of all of the things that take place lead to strong emotional attatchment that makes it really tough.