**Reflection**

The film *Wasteland* showed me just how large a “picker” picker society can be, as well as how important it can be. I was surprised by the large number of catadores that worked the Jardim Gramacho landfill, how much pride they take in their “profession,” and what a service the catadores actually provide to the environment of both the landfill and the community in general.

I thought it unfortunate that the documentary did little to highlight problems facing the catadores, especially in light of this assignment that requires to analyze the health problems facing this population. The documentary did little show that picking is more than a dirty job with a paucity of safety regulations or a quality food supply.

However, the movie does adeptly display many of the social factors surrounding the catadores

the poverty that the catadores live in, which is a problem because picking is a culture that does not seem to allow for social mobility.