The Phrase, Archetypes, and Unique Forms – Composing Fully-realized Sentences

Name: ____

Summary: Compose an 8-measure sentence structure phrase for piano solo in the Viennese Classical style, beginning with one of the two-measure sample opening motives on the next page.

Compose the right hand melody:

- 1. Select a two-measure basic idea from the following page to use in your composition. Copy this basic idea out exactly into your new composition.
- 2. Wite a two-measure varied repetition of the opening motive. It should be mostly the same as the initial statement.
- 3. Write a four-measure continuation of the basic idea. Your continuation should include fragmentation and a cadential idea that drives to the cadence.

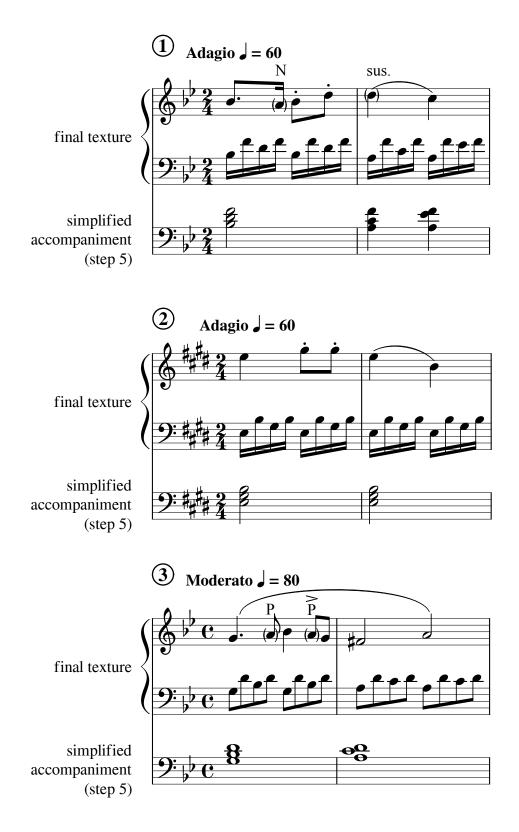
Then compose the left hand accompaniment:

- 4. Determine a chord progression to harmonize the melody. Keep in mind the normal phrase model.
- 5. Using 3 voices and close spacing (not greater than one octave), write out the harmonic progression in the left hand only. This should follow voice leading rules. Because you are using close spacing, you should be careful not to write in too low of a range.
- 6. Use the Alberti bass pattern to arpeggiate the left hand chords and add interest to the accompaniment.
- 7. Add dynamics, articulations, and expression markings.

Finally, analyze your composition:

- 8. Provide a harmonic analysis.
- 9. Label your cadence type.
- 10. Label all embellishing tones (P, N, etc.)

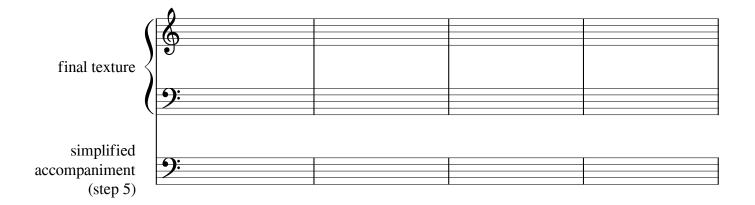
Sample Opening Motives

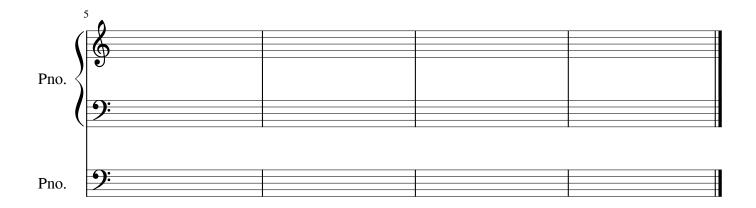


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Completed 8-measure Sentence

(with simplified accompaniment)





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