## **CLOSELY AND DISTANTLY RELATED KEYS**

## Closely related keys differ by only one accidental. For example:

- 1. Keys that are next to each other in the Circle of Fifths (pages 11-12). These keys have a Dominant (or Subdominant) relationship with tonic
- 2. Relative Major and minor keys (page 6). These keys have the same accidentals.
- 3. Keys whose tonic chords fall within the chords of the original key. Each of these keys differs in key signature by only one accidental.
  - In major keys: Minor keys built on scale degrees  $\hat{2}$ ,  $\hat{3}$ , or  $\hat{6}$ , and major keys built on scale degrees  $\hat{4}$  or  $\hat{5}$ .
  - In minor keys: Major keys built on scale degrees  $\hat{3}$ ,  $\hat{5}$ , or  $\hat{6}$ , and minor keys built on scale degree  $\hat{4}$ .

## **Distantly related keys** have two or more differing notes.

- 1. Parallel Major and minor keys (page 6). Parallel keys have the same tonic note, but differ in key key signature by more than one accidental.
- 1. Keys that a half-step away from one another

h. E Major and F Major

i. f# minor and g minor

2. Keys that are a tri-tone (P4 or A5) away from one another

When tonal music changes from one key to another, it typically changes to a closely related key. However, music may change from one key to any other key.

1. Mark whether each of the following pairs of keys is closely related or distan			
I	. Mark whether each of the fol	lowing pairs of keys is clo	sely related or distantly related.
	a. C# Major and G# Major		-
	b. A Major and Ab Major		-
	c. G Major and e minor		-
	d. C Major and Gb Major		-
	e. c minor and E Major		-
	f. F Major and f minor		-
	g. D Major and b minor		