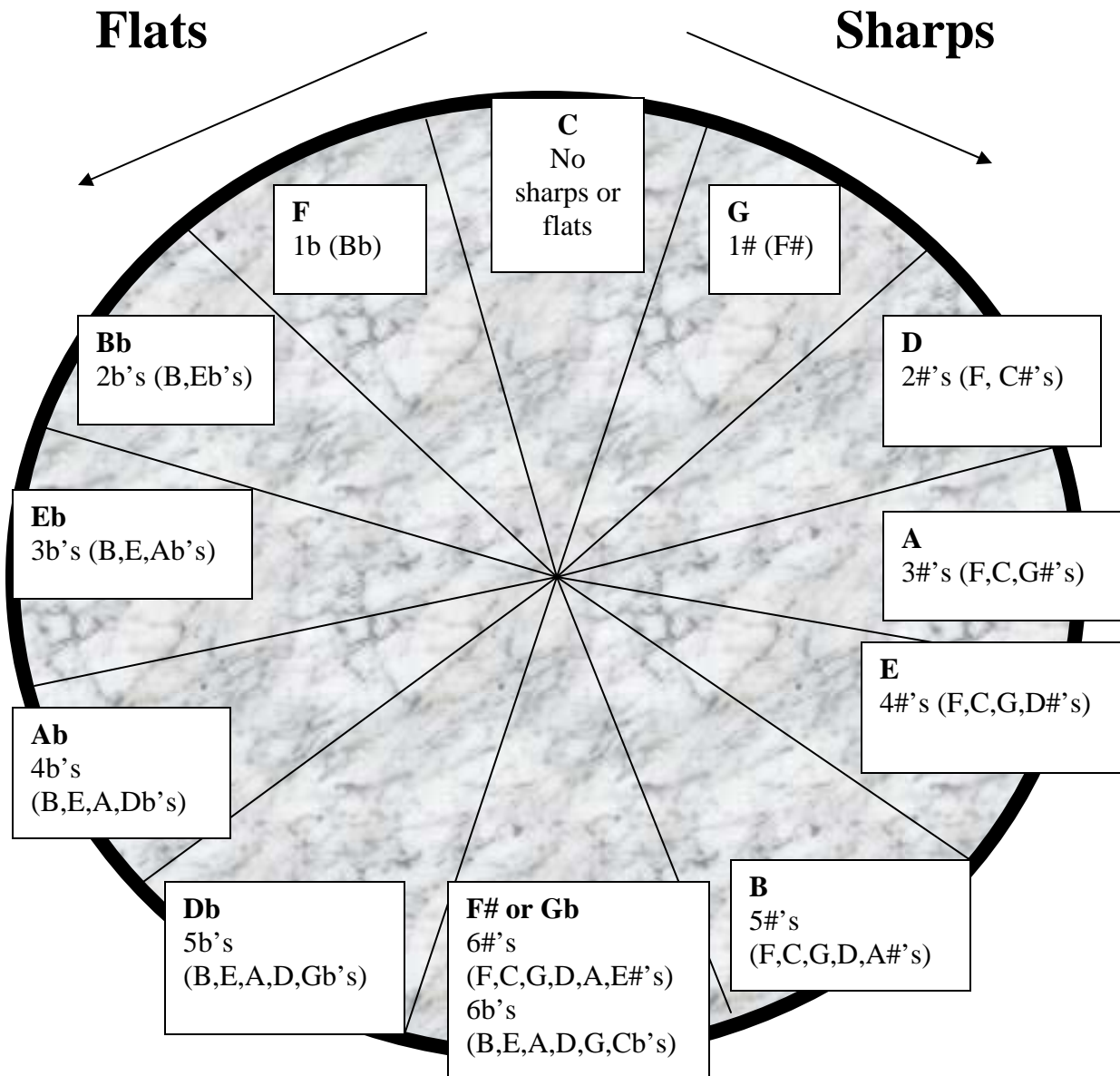


The Circle of 5th's



When determining the key that a piece of music is in, it is important to be able to understand how to read the key signature. (sharps or flats by the clef sign on a staff) This will tell you what will be sharped or flatted throughout the piece. One important thing to know about the way that the key signature is written, is that there is consistency in the order that flats and sharps appear. Below is a listing of the order.

#'s: F C G D A E B

b's: B E A D G C F