Unit Two: Assignment 1

* Female Vocal Chart

Create a vocal chart for the three female characters (listed below) in the musical you chose in the previous unit.

* + **Carousel**: Julie, Carrie, Nettie & Nellie *(from* ***South Pacific****)*
  + **Into the Woods**: Rapunzel, Cinderella, Witch & Baker’s Wife
  + **A Little Night Music**: Anne, Petra, Charlotte & Desiree
  + **Les Misérables**: Cosette, Éponine, Madame Thénardier & Fantine
  + **West Side Story**: Maria, Anita & Cunegonde *(from* ***Candide****)*

Explore two or three songs that each character sings and write a few words in response to the following questions. Focus on what differentiates the voice types of each character:

* Compare the ranges and tessituras for each voice type.
* What kinds of colors can you identify for each?
* What kinds of musical uses does the composer have for each?
* Do the differences in range reflect the dramatic/comedic structure of the show? If so, how?
* Are there differences in the vocal/musical writing between comedic and dramatic characters? If so, what are they?
* What kinds of general guidelines can you glean from these models?
  + Is there a voice that does not fit into one of the types?
  + If so, what is different?
* Are there any unconventional uses for female voices you found? If so, what are they?
* What kinds of other observations can you make about female voice types?