Sonata: two very different meanings

- 1) SONATA AS FORM: A piece of music usually for one instrument alone (with or without accompaniment) as in piano sonata, violin sonata, flute sonata, cello sonata, etc.
- 2) SONATA AS STYLE: A procedure, an architecture, a narrative for composing music often in the first movement of sonatas, concertos, quartets, symphonies, etc.