



## ANSWERS

Bathos is a literary device in which a writer begins a sentence or scene in a serious and poetic tone and then pivots to say something mundane and/or absurd. When done skillfully, the effect is comic. anticlimax is similar to bathos in that both change the tone of a work from serious to trivial. An anticlimax is disappointing; the expected payoff does not occur. They are different in that bathos can happen at any time in a story, while an anticlimax happens only when a climax is expected and doesn't occur. Also, while bathos can be unintentional, anticlimax is always used intentionally. Pathos is the quality in a story that makes the reader or audience experience emotions, especially feelings of pity or sadness.