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**DIRECTIONS:** Answer each question true or false.

## TRUE OR FALSE

1. Bathos is a technique for heightening drama.

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2. Bathos is the opposite of pathos.

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3. 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.

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4. When done skillfully, the effect of bathos is comic.

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5. In literature, bathos is most often encountered in tragedies and dramas.

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6. The term bathos was first used in the same sense that we use it today by Alexander Pope in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century.

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7. Bathos is sometimes used unintentionally.

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8. When used Unintentionally, bathos can undermine serious scenes.

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