



ANSWERS

Bathos

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.

Bathos can happen at any time in a story.

Bathos can be unintentional, as the result of bad writing.

Both Bathos and Anticlimax

Both change the tone of a work from serious to trivial.

Anticlimax

An anticlimax is disappointing; the expected payoff does not occur.

An anticlimax happens only when a climax is expected and doesn't occur.

Anticlimax is used intentionally.