

EARLY-FINISHERS *WORD WORK CARD*: **pathos**

*Definition:*

pa·thos (pā'·thās', -thô's')

noun

1. Rare suffering
2. The quality in something experienced or observed which arouses feelings of pity, sorrow, sympathy, or compassion

*Etymology:*

Greek *pathos*, suffering, disease, feeling

EX. *Pathos* names that quality, in a real situation or in a literary or artistic work, which evokes sympathy and a sense of sorrow or pity.

**STUDENT RESPONSE OPTIONS:**

*Write your responses on an index card. Try to answer as many as you can.*

- (A) Put the word in the center of a word web. Draw lines from the circle, and write as many synonyms as you can think of.

**TIP FOR TEACHERS:**

Teachers can differentiate this activity by student readiness. Teachers can draw a web on index cards and write in one of the words in the center (for example, write “sadness” in the center of the web) then allow students to write synonyms for that word. Teachers can select easier words with many synonyms for students who may struggle.

- (B) Have you read a fairytale where you felt *pathos* because of what happened to one of the characters in the fairytale?
- (C) What does the suffix “-pathy” have to do with *pathos*?
- (D) Write a kid-friendly definition of *pathos*.