


Title:	James McNeill Whistler Painting of Southend Pier
Date:	1883-1884
Location:	Southend Seafront
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Headline:	World famous artist paints Southend Pier
Fact 1	James McNeill Whistler, born July 11, 1834, Lowell, Massachusetts, was an American-born artist noted for his paintings of nocturnal London, who did much to introduce modern French painting into England.
Fact 2	Whistler was instrumental in establishing the credo of modern art and was a central figure in the Aesthetic movement, which was founded on the philosophy of “art for art’s sake”
Fact 3	By 1871, Whistler returned to portraits and soon produced his most famous painting, the nearly monochromatic full-length figure titled Arrangement in Gray and Black: Portrait of the Artist's Mother, but usually referred to as Whistler's Mother.
Fact 4	Between 1882 and 1884 James Whistler lived in London and travelled to Southend-on-Sea throughout that period.
Fact 5	Whistler’s painting of Southend Pier was one of several paintings the artist painted on Southend Seafront and along the Thames to London.
Fact 6	Whistler’s paintings formed part of a successful exhibition of his work in London in 1884.
Close:	“The sea to me, is, and always was, most fascinating!” Rendered with simplicity, his seascapes of Southend, a popular seaside

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	destination south of London, rely on broad washes of colour with sparse detail.
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