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Brutal Mughal Empire Ancestors Question by Ethan Gelber

The Question:

Zahir-ud-Din Muhammad Babur, the 16th-century founder of the great Mughal Empire that included much of today's India, was of great lineage on both his mother's and his father's side of the family. One hint: they were two of the greatest and most brutal conquerors of all time.

Who were his famous ancestors?

The Answer:

Through his mother, Babur was related to Genghis Khan, and through his father to Timur (better known in the West as Tamerlane). With such promise in his genes, he was a little peeved by a paltry inheritance and set out to change that. He originally set his sights on [Samarkand](#), his paternal ancestor's great capital, and actually succeeded thrice in taking it, only to have to surrender it each time. Disappointed by this failure, he turned his attentions south to another area once also held by Timur: [India](#). From his home principality of Fergana (now in Uzbekistan) he

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marched south and defeated the Sultan of Delhi at Panipat. He spent most of his life warring with the local Afghans that held the area, as well as establishing [Mughal](#) imperial organization and political culture based on Central Asian models. Babur's successor, Humayun, despite a 12-year setback, paved the way for the future solidification of the empire under his legendary son, Akbar the Great.

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