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## Visualizing the World: Miniature Painting and the Mughals, 1526-1707

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#### Timeline & Dramatis Personae

- Chengizids (descendants of Chengiz Khan/Genghis Khan, d. 1227) & Timurids (descendants of Amir Timur/Tamerland, d. 1405).
- Kamal-ud-din Bihzad (1450s-1535), serves Timurids, Uzbeks, Safavids.
- Babur, Zahiruddin (1483-1530), originally from Ferghana, in present-day Uzbekistan, author of the *Baburnama* (autobiography).
- 1526, establishment of the Mughal Empire.
- Humayun, Nasiruddin (1508-56, r. 1530-40 & 1555-56), spends a few years in exile in Safavid Iran.
- Humayun-era masters include: Sayyid Ali, Abdus Samad, etc
- Akbar, Jalaluddin (1542-1605, r. 1556-1605).
- Akbar-era works: *Tutinama*, *Hamzanama*, *Anwar-i Suhaili*, *Akbarnama* (biography of Akbar), *Mahabharata*/Razmnana, Ramayana, *Diwan-i Anwari*, *Baharistan*, *Khamsa-i Nizami*, *Khamsa-i Amir Khusrau*, *Chunar* Ragmala, *muraqqas* (albums).
- Akbar-era masters: Kesho Das, Daswanth, Basawan, Farrukh Beg etc.
- Jahangir, Nuruddin (1569-1627, r. 1605-27), author of the *Jahangirnama* (autobiography).
- Allahabad School (1599-1604).
- Jahangir-era masters include: Bishan Das, Abul Hasan, Mansur, Daulat, Govardhan, Balchand, Basawan, Hashim etc.
- Shah Jahan, Shihabuddin (1592-1666, r. 1628-58).
- Shah Jahan-era masters include: Hashim, Govardhan, Payag, Murad, Abid, etc.
- Alamgir, Muhiuddin (1618-1707, r. 1658-1707)
- Aurangzeb-era masters include: Chitrman, Bhavani Das, etc.
- 1858, end of Mughal Empire

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