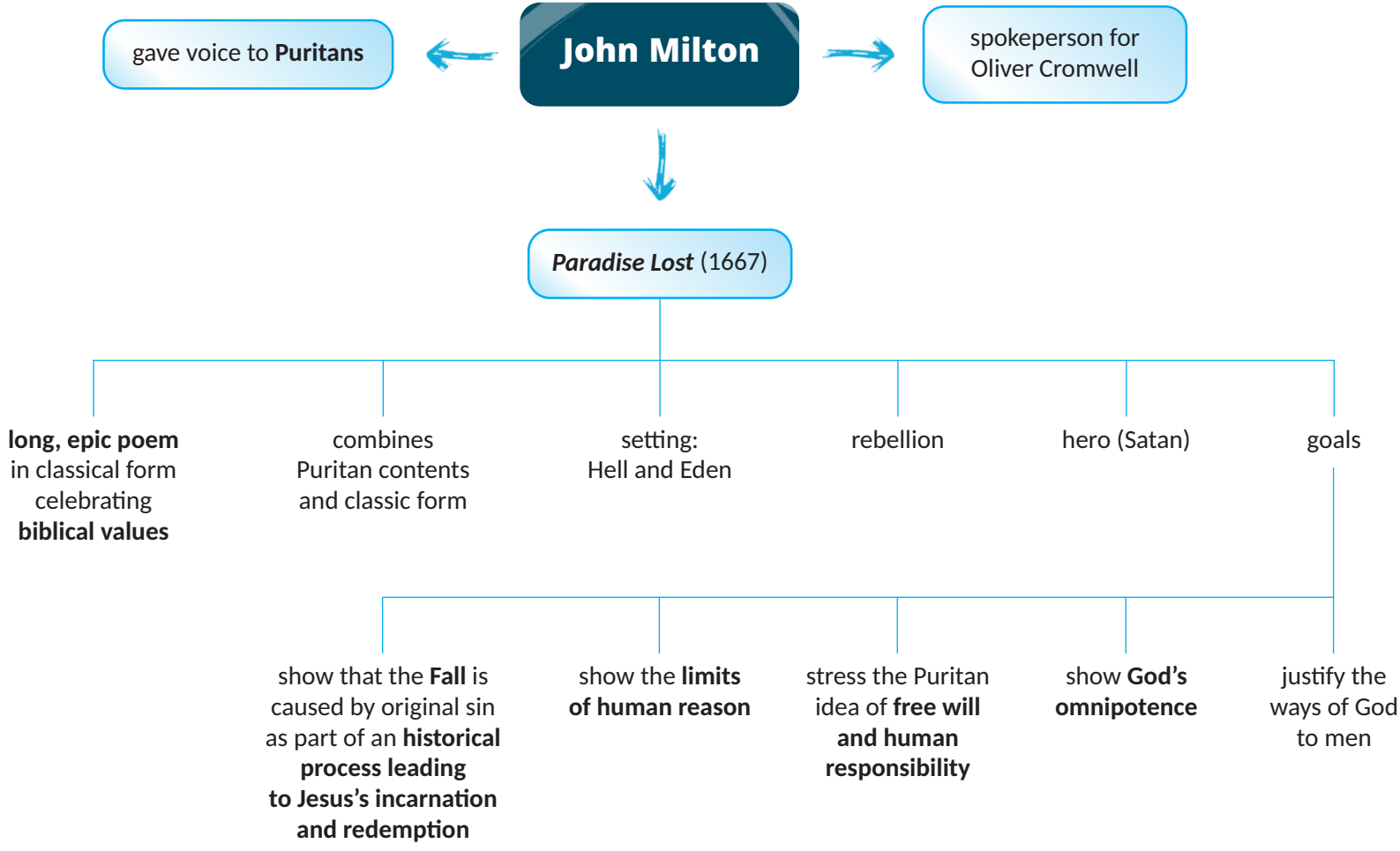
gave voice to **Puritans**
John Milton
spokeperson for Oliver Cromwell
Paradise Lost (1667)
long, epic poem in classical form celebrating **biblical values**
combines Puritan contents and classic form
setting: Hell and Eden
rebellion
hero (Satan)
goals
show that the **Fall** is caused by original sin as part of an **historical process leading to Jesus's incarnation and redemption**
show the **limits of human reason**
stress the Puritan idea of **free will and human responsibility**
show **God's omnipotence**
justify the ways of God to men