



AN INTRODUCTION TO
USOOL AL-FIQH
THE PRINCIPLES OF ISLAMIC JURISPRUDENCE



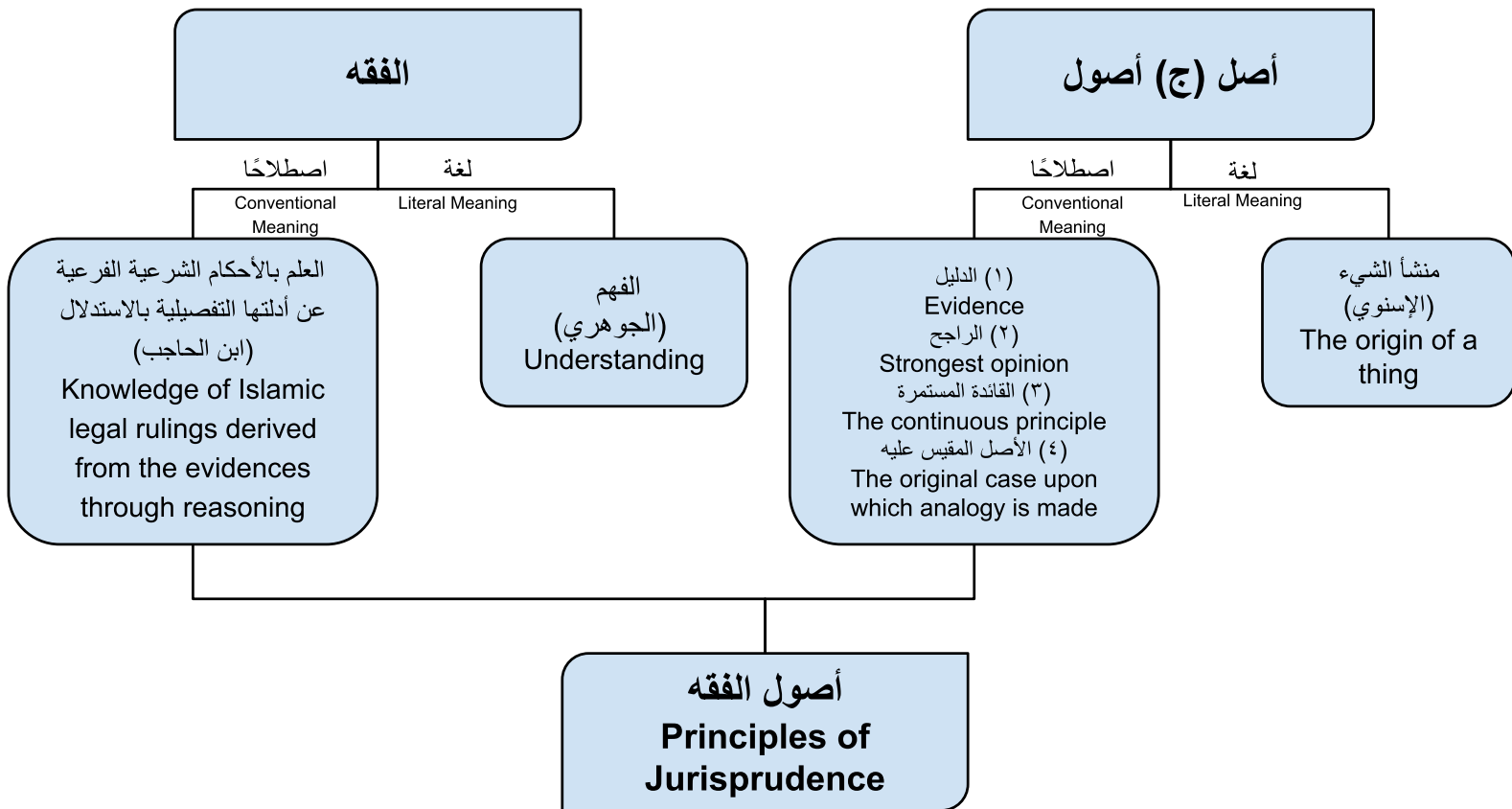
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Definitions of Usool and Fiqh

- Before discussing Usool al-Fiqh, we must understand the meanings of the terms "Usool" and "Fiqh"
- The diagram below explains what Usool and Fiqh are, both literally and conventionally, in the context of this subject



Introduction to Usool al-Fiqh

- Now that we have explored the individual meanings of Usool and Fiqh, we will delve into Usool al-Fiqh as a distinct science
- The key components of the definition are also explained below

أصول الفقه Principles of Jurisprudence

معرفة دلائل الفقه إجمالاً وكيفية الاستفادة منها وحال المستفيد
(البيضاوي في منهاج الوصول)

Knowledge of the general evidences of jurisprudence, how to benefit from them, and the condition of the one benefitting

(١) إجمالاً: من القرآن والسنة

General evidences: From the Qur'an and Sunnah

(٢) الاستفادة: استنباط

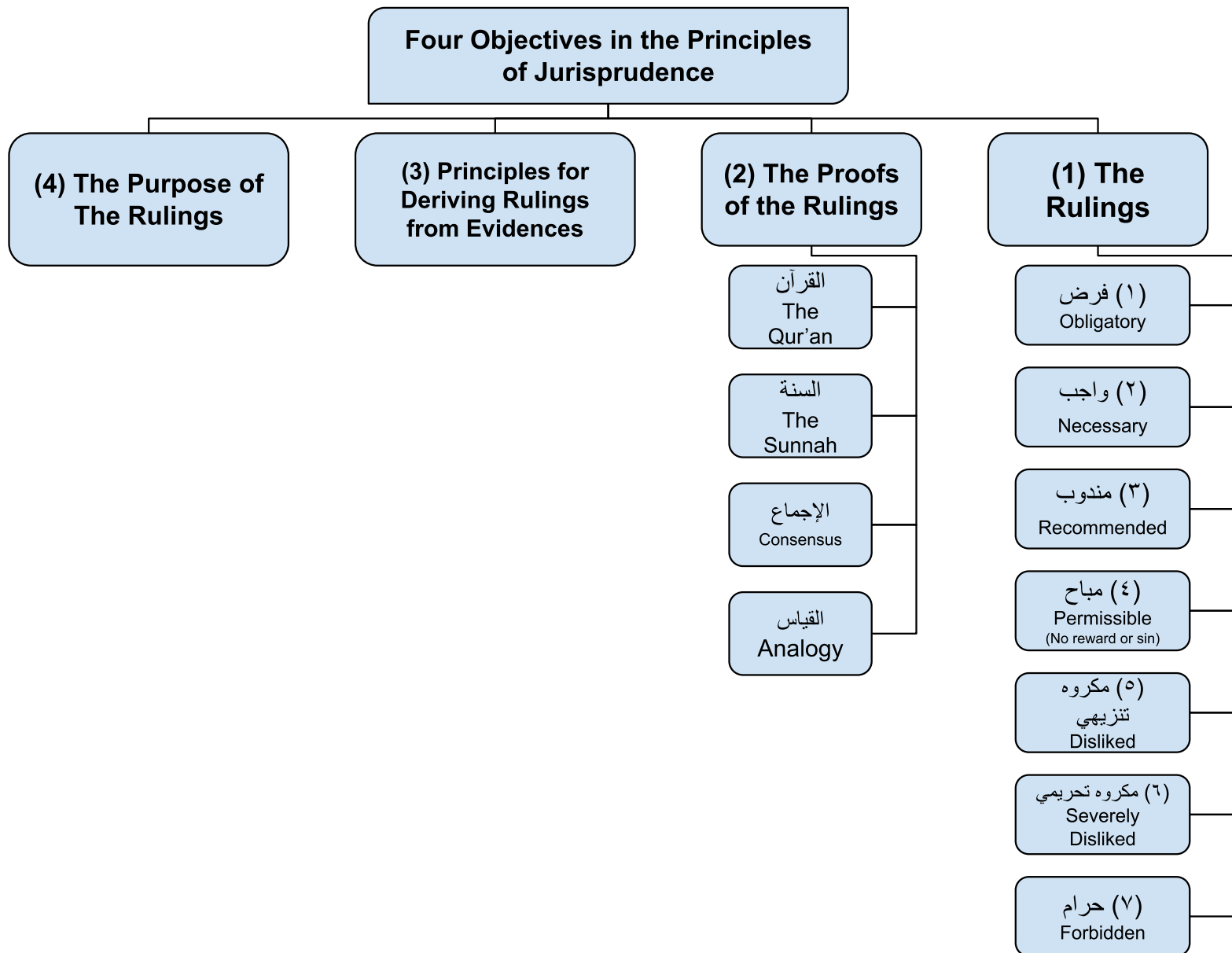
Benefitting: Derivation

(٣) حال المستفيد: مجتهد أو مقلد

Condition of the one benefitting: Mujtahid (independent jurist) or Muqallid (follower)

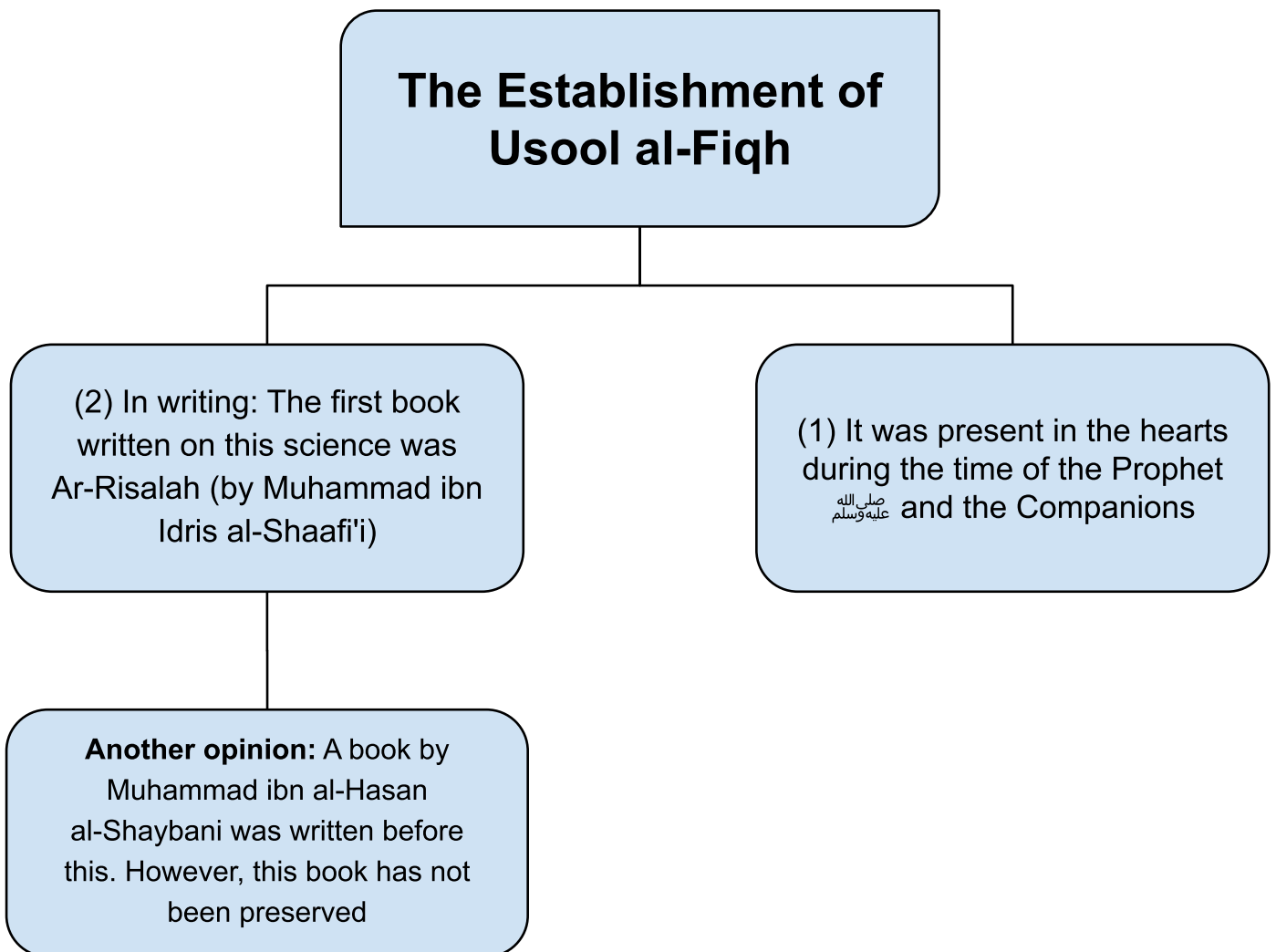
Objectives of Usool al-Fiqh

- There are four objectives in Usool al-Fiqh
- Together, these objectives provide the foundation for studying, interpreting, and applying Fiqh



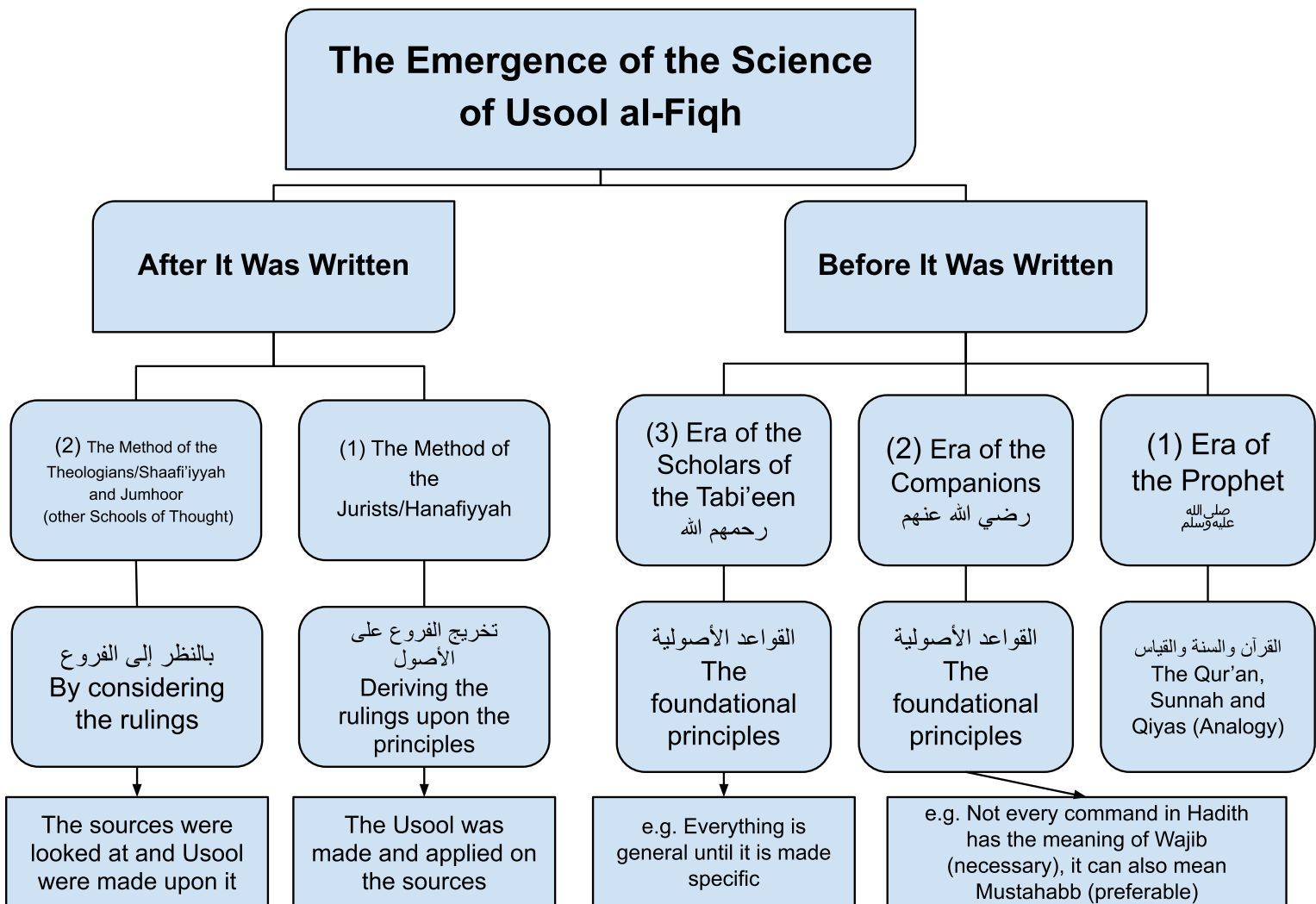
Establishment of Usool al-Fiqh

- This refers to the origins of Usool al-Fiqh as a science, including its state during the time of the Prophet ﷺ and the compilation of its first book



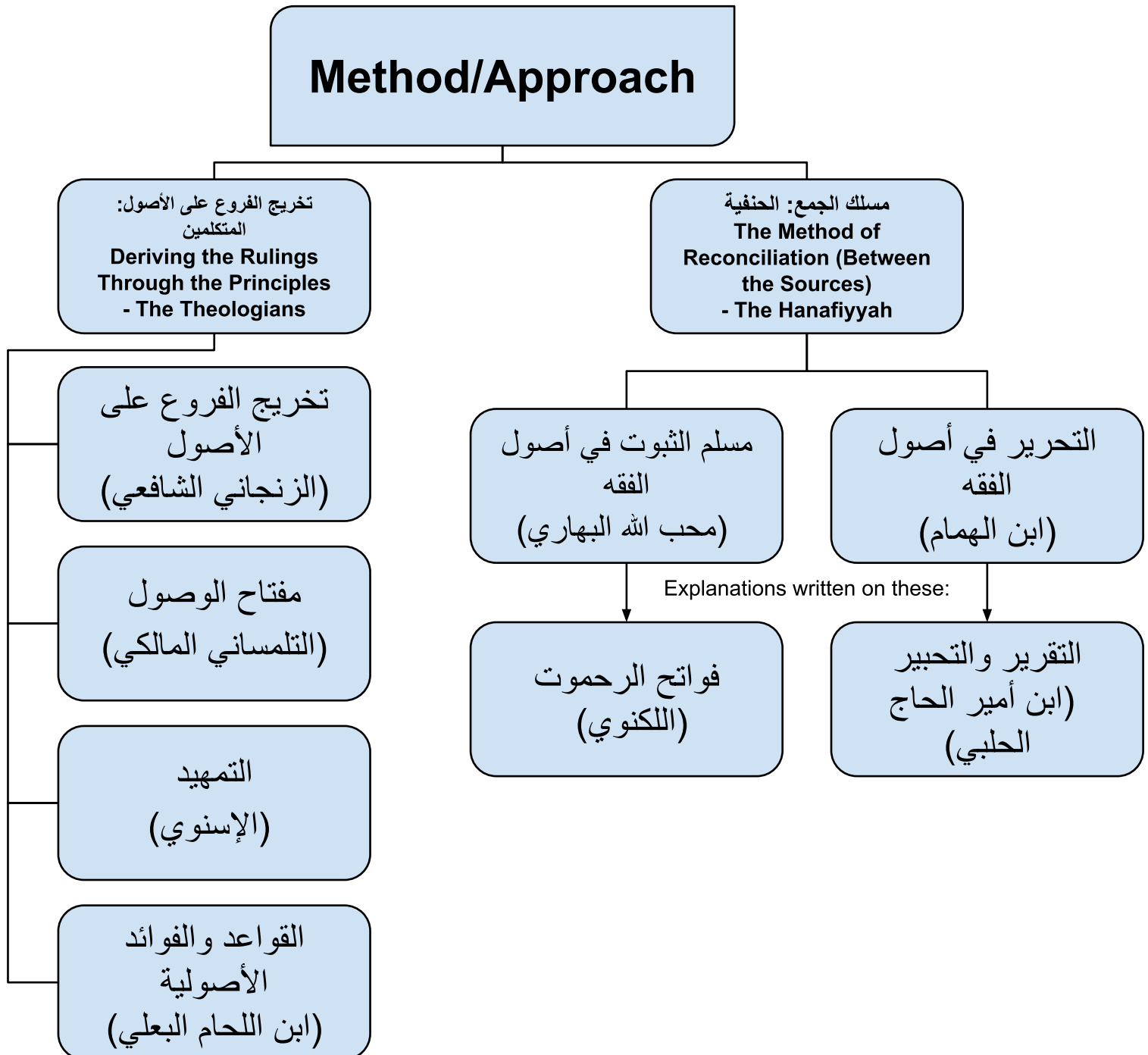
Historical Emergence of Usool al-Fiqh

- This refers to the stages of Usool al-Fiqh as a science
- They are split into two parts:
 - Before it was written (verbally transmitted)
 - After it was written and compiled into books
- These stages are further divided by different eras, methods, and how Fiqh was derived during them



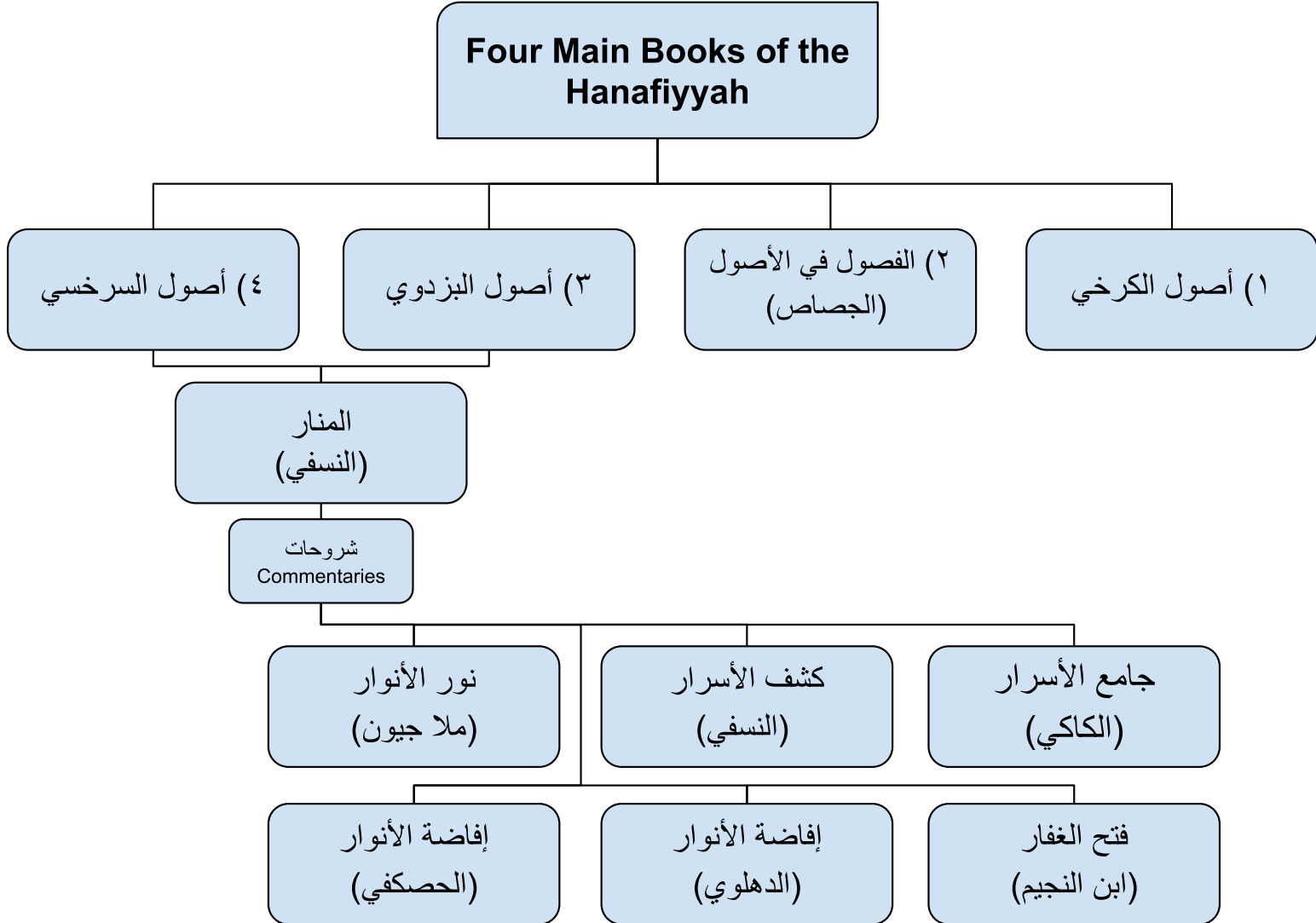
Methodologies in Usool al-Fiqh

- As mentioned, two methods of deriving Fiqh were established when Usool al-Fiqh was written and compiled into books:
 - The Hanafiyyah: Focuses on reconciling conflicting sources
 - The Jumhoor (other Schools of Thought): Focuses on deriving specific rulings from fundamental principles
- The diagram below lists some books that were written through these approaches



Primary Texts of the Hanafi School

- There are four main books in Usool al-Fiqh for the Hanafiyyah
- A fifth book (المنار) was written by combining two of these, and from this many further explanations and commentaries have been written



Notable Works from the Jumhoor

- Listed below are some books from the Jumhoor mentioned by Ibn Khaldun in his renowned work "Muqaddimah" (Introduction to History) as well as some summaries written on them

Notable Works from the Jumhoor (Mentioned by Ibn Khaldun in the Introduction to History)

المستصفى
(الغزالي)

البرهان
(إمام الحرمين الجويني)

المعتمد
(أبو الحسين البصري)

العمد
(القاضي عبد الجبار)

Summaries of these books

الإحكام
(الأمدي)

المحصول
(فخر الدين الرازي)

Additional Works from the Jumhoor

- We have further listed books in the science of Usool al-Fiqh in the diagram below, according to the different Schools of Thought

