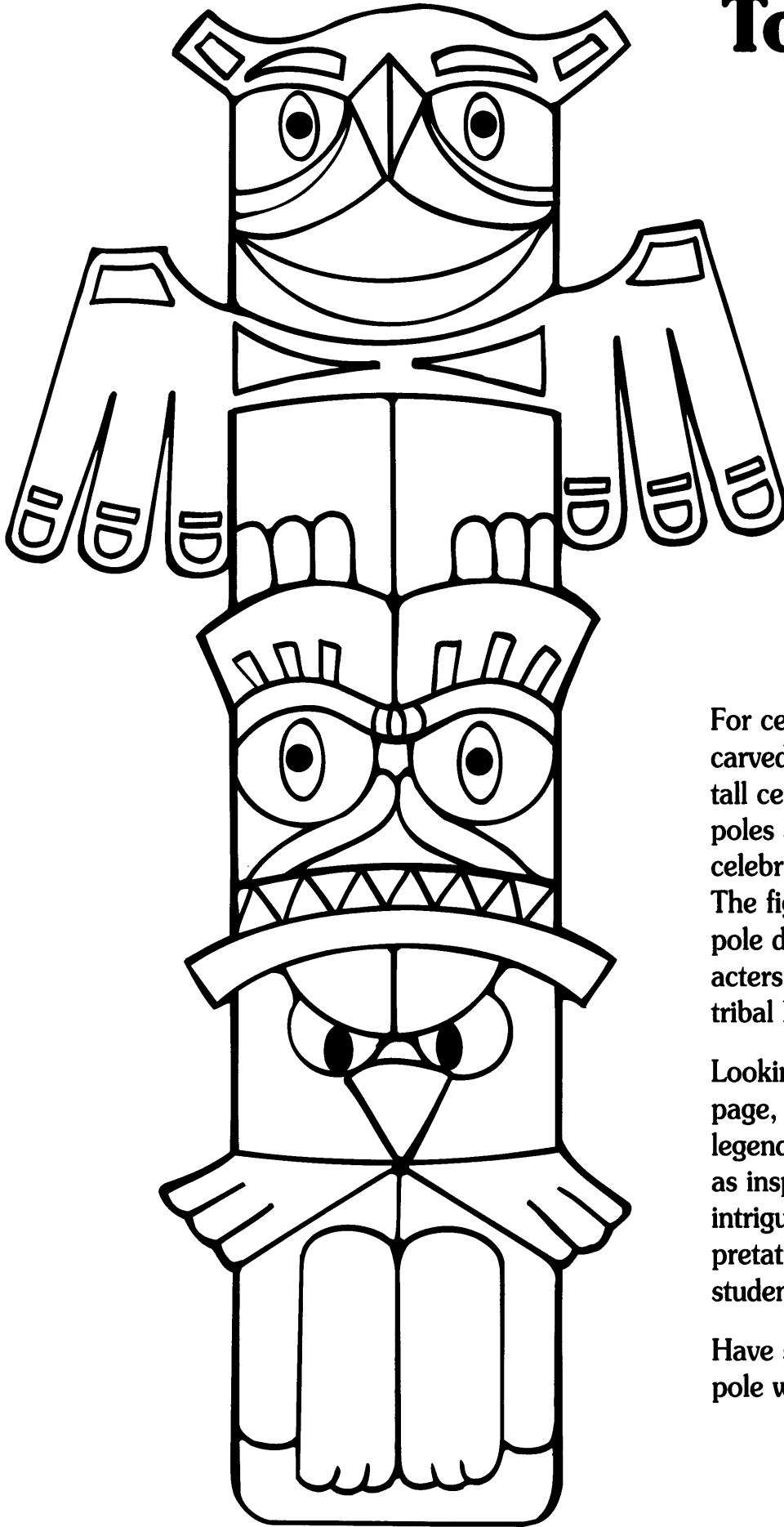


# Totem Pole



For centuries, Eskimos have carved beautiful totem poles from tall cedar logs. They carve the poles as a way to preserve and celebrate their cultural heritage. The figures carved in each totem pole depict the animals and characters of ancient legends and tribal history.

Looking at the totem pole on this page, ask your students to write a legend using the figures depicted as inspiration. You will be intrigued by the variety of interpretations made by your individual students.

Have students color the totem pole with bright colors.