

# An UP-and-DOWN Story

In Olympia, Washington, you will find a tall pole. However, this pole is not just any pole. It is a story pole.

A story pole is different from a totem pole. A totem pole tells about a family. A story pole uses animal stories to teach children about their culture and responsibility. The story pole in Olympia has 21 carved figures on it. Each teaches a lesson about life.

The story pole was made by Snohomish Chief William Shelton. It was carved from a great cedar tree. Chief Shelton worked on the pole for five years. When he died in 1938, other people in his tribe finished the carving.

In 1940 the pole was done, but there was no money to put it up. Children from around the state each gave one cent. Together, they raised enough money.

If you are ever in Olympia, be sure to visit the story pole. You will learn about the Snohomish culture. And you will see a beautiful work of art.

**Strategy** Here is a good place to stop and sum up what you have read so far. This paragraph explains what a story pole is.

**Skill** This paragraph is about how Chief Shelton made the story pole. The author's purpose is probably to inform us about story poles. Read on. Does the purpose change?