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- A. how a piece of cloth became a part of Gee's Bend's history
- B. how Loretta Pettway began to sew her own quilts
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- D. Pettway's quilts use rare pieces of cloth.

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- C. Cloth keeps the people of Gee's Bend warm in the winter.
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- C. Mark Pettway, a slave owner, moved to Gee's Bend from North Carolina nearly 160 years ago.
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