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Non-coding DNA used to be thought to have no use and has been referred to as "junk" DNA but now it is known to have regulatory functions, like turning genes on or off. This interests me because I too thought that non-coding DNA was junk, as I was told this in school from a science teacher.

President Lincoln is suspected of having Marfan Syndrome, which is a hereditary disorder that affects the connective tissues in one's body. It makes a person tall, skinny, and elongated, and can have negative effects on their organs. It can look very strange. This interests me because I might have a friend that has a mild case of this, his hands look like the picture in the book, his arms and legs look like they have skinny, long bones, and he has a mild heart condition where a heart valve didn't grow properly.