Patriots wide receiver’s proudest achievement isn’t making the Super Bowl

HOUSTON -- Generally speaking, Super Bowl pregame interviews aren’t a great source of stimulating conversation. And yet every year, reporters gather 12-deep for this cliché fest.

Fortunately, this year there was a rookie for New England with something novel to talk about: novels, like “Gone Girl.”

“What about her false diary, how does the author use that in the narrative?” I asked.

“Well, the diary is almost a different character in the book,” Malcolm Mitchell said.

I first met this voracious reader, wide receiver three years ago. Malcolm was in college then, playing for Georgia, when one day he ran into a woman at Barnes
Comprehension questions – answers may be in phrases.

1. Approximately, what age might some of the ladies in Malcolm’s book club be? Cite evidence from the article to support your answer.

2. What is Malcolm Mitchell’s proudest achievement?

3. Define badge of honor as used in the article.

4. What did Malcolm Mitchell do that enabled him to become a good reader?

5. Define foundation as used in the text.

Answer each question in one or more complete sentences and by providing complete explanations.

1. What is it about the title that gives the reader a clue that the text was likely written prior to the 2017 SuperBowl? What would one need to know in order to answer this question? Explain fully, citing evidence from the article.

2. Review paragraphs 7 and 8. What purpose do the dashes (---) and the ellipse (…) serve in this case?
3. Steve Hartman uses both a video and written format for his “On the Road” news stories. Which format is a more effective method of sharing a story like this? Does one format result in a more emotional response than another? Cite evidence from the text to support your response.

4. The photos below come from Steve Hartman’s article. Write a descriptive, one-sentence caption for each using details from the text and video.