Gilgamesh HW Packet #2 (Tablet 2)

Directions: Respond to the following questions on the Gilgamesh reading. Many of these questions have multiple parts to them, be sure to answer all I am asking for full points. Also, for those striving for an ‘A’ grade, quote the reading directly in your answer! Correct capitalization and punctuation are a requirement. I will return (ungraded) any assignment that fails to capitalize sentences and use punctuation

1. What is Gilgamesh’s motive for wanting to cut the cedars and kill Humbaba. What does this tell us about his personality?
2. What does the quote, “Only the gods live forever with glorious Shamash, but as for us men, our days are numbered, our occupations are a breath of wind,” (Gilgamesh 9) mean? Why would this motivate him to go on the journey?
3. What is Enkidu’s attitude about the plan? What does it tell us about HIS character?
4. Describe the interactions between Gilgamesh and the gods. How do they interact? How does this compare to our modern way of reaching to God?
5. What does Enkidu mean when he says, “The strongest of men will fall to fate if he has no judgement,” (Gilgamesh 11)? Do we have reason to question Gilgamesh’s judgement?