Paradise Lost CW/HW Packet Week 4

Vocabulary:

Write three sentences in which you use three different vocabulary words to explain the events of Paradise Lost Book One and Two. (3 points)

Reading Comprehension Questions:

Answer these questions thoughtfully in complete sentences. (2 points each, 10 points total)

1. Book 3 opens with an invocation; invocations happen when there is a major shift in the story telling. What shift occurs that makes a new invocation necessary?

2. How is Book 3 a lot like Book 2, but with a new location?

3. Explain how there is a conflict or tension between justice and mercy in God's reaction to the fall of man.

4. Explain the quotation, "sufficient to have stood, though free to fall". What does this say about the nature of man?

5. When he finally speaks in Book 3, what additional good reason does Christ provide for NOT letting man fall with no mercy?

Two Chunk Paragraph:

Milton states that his whole reason for writing this epic poem is to "justify the ways of God to man". Is he doing a good job? Have you gained any new insight into the mind of God? Write a two chunk paragraph in which you tell me whether Milton is succeeding or failing in his mission to make us understand. (7 points)