Islamic Sects and Denominations

Using the chart #1:

1. Approximately how many Muslims are there in the world today?
2. What are the two major branches of Islam?
3. What does percentage of Muslims make up each group?
4. What do Sunnis believe about Muhammad’s successor? What do Shia believe?
5. Which group makes the largest group of Sunni Muslims?
6. Which group makes up the largest group of Shia Muslims?
7. In which countries are Wahhabi Muslims found?
8. What are Sufi Muslims?

Using Chart #2:

1. What Middle Eastern country has the largest percent of the global Muslim population?
2. What three countries have a majority Shia population?
3. What other country as a significant (37%) Shia population?

Using Chart #3:

1. What branch of Islam dominates countries outside the Middle East?
2. What percent of Muslims live in the Middle East, and what percent of Muslims live outside the middle east?

Using the Reading *Islamic Denominations:*

1. What did Sunnis believe about leadership?
2. Who did the Sunnis believe to be the rightful Caliph?
3. What do the Sunnis call the first four Caliphs?
4. What do the Sunnis use as evidence that they were correct in their selection of the first four Caliphs?
5. What does Shia mean?
6. What do Shia believe about the succession of the Caliph?
7. What title does the leaders of the Shia take?
8. According to the Shia, what gives these religious leaders the right to govern?
9. What event led to the great split between the Sunni and the Shia?
10. What are the three major sects of Shi’ism and what does their name indicate?
11. How is the belief of the Twelvers similar to the beliefs of Judaism and Christianity?
12. What is Sufism defined as?
13. What are the three fundamentals of Sufism?
14. Where and when did Wahhabism begin?
15. What branch of Islam is Wahhabism part of?
16. What two reforms were sought by Wahhabism?
17. What allowed Wahhabism to flourish in Saudi Arabia where it may have instead remained an insignificant branch of Islam?
18. After reading the excerpt from Sheikh Usama ibn Akhmed, how would you describe Wahhabism I three sentences or more?
19. In the last paragraph, what does this author believe are the reasons for Saudi Arabia’s impact on Islam?