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Answer one of the following questions in a few paragraphs. Remember this is to gauge both your knowledge of the Middle East, but mainly your willingness to do research on the region before the commencement of the forum. Again, no previous knowledge in the Middle East is required. There is no one correct answer and cite references as needed.

1. What must change in the relations between the state of Israel and the Palestinian Authority to finally achieve a permanent and lasting peace in the region after years of fighting? What must each side give up to ensure such a lasting peace?

2. In 2002, an UN-sponsored commission of Arab scholars was convened and wrote the Arab Human Development Report. They came to the conclusion that the Arab world is drastically lagging behind the rest of the world in human, technological, and educational development, while still having significant increases in literacy and declining poverty. Why do you think this phenomenon is occurring? What can be done to change the dilemmas posed in this report? What are the obstacles preventing such changes?

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