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After Liberation: Rebuilding Life - Answer Key

*Answers may include, but are not limited to:

1. **What did you learn from hearing their story?**
 - a. Not all Jews in Nazi-occupied Europe were in concentration camps. Some hid, some lived under false identities, some were partisans.
 - b. Aron and Lisa were very resourceful, determined, and brave in the face of epic danger
 - c. The war continued even after Aron and Lisa were liberated.
 - d. Aron and Lisa's families were murdered in occupied Poland.
 - e. Jewish partisans lived in the forests, fought against the Nazis and their collaborators, and helped fellow Jews to survive. This was a risky and dangerous way of life.
2. **What surprised you? Why?**
 - a. Answers will vary.
3. **What challenges and obstacles did they overcome to settle in America?**
 - a. Lisa and Aron had to hide from the Nazis in their home town (Aron outside the Ghetto and Lisa with a Christian woman).
 - b. They survived a massacre twice.
 - c. Their immediate families were killed.
 - d. They had to endure poor living conditions, including lack of food, freezing weather, and unsafe housing.
 - e. Language barriers—they had to learn to speak English.
 - f. They had to travel over the Alps by foot.
 - g. They had a difficult Trans-Atlantic crossing (rough seas, no restrooms, makeshift beds).
 - h. Antisemitism (in Europe following the war and in America).
4. **What do you think freedom meant to Aron and Lisa? How does that differ from your view of freedom?**
 - a. Freedom means making your own choices

- b. Freedom means the right to practice your religion without being persecuted
 - c. Freedom means living where you'd like to live
 - d. Freedom means that you do not have to live in hiding
5. **What do you think Aron and Lisa want you to learn from their story?**
- a. Love thy neighbor
 - b. Do not kill
 - c. Persevere in the face of danger
 - d. Adapt when necessary
 - e. Kind people did exist during the Holocaust