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Liberation from the Eyes of a Liberator – Answer Key

1. **Why did Jerry feel he needed to fight in WWII?**
 - a. Jerry's grandparents were Jews in Russia who were murdered by the Nazis. He felt he needed to be there too, to fight for them.
2. **Why did Jerry break down after liberating Mathausen?**
 - a. Jerry thought of his grandparents and everything he and his fellow Allied soldiers fought for and against. He was overwhelmed and shocked by what he discovered at the camp.
3. **Why did Dwight D. Eisenhower want soldiers to bear witness to the atrocities committed by the Nazis? What was his goal?**
 - a. Eisenhower wanted the world to know, so that people could not deny that these atrocities happened. Eisenhower ensured the Holocaust was documented and remembered.