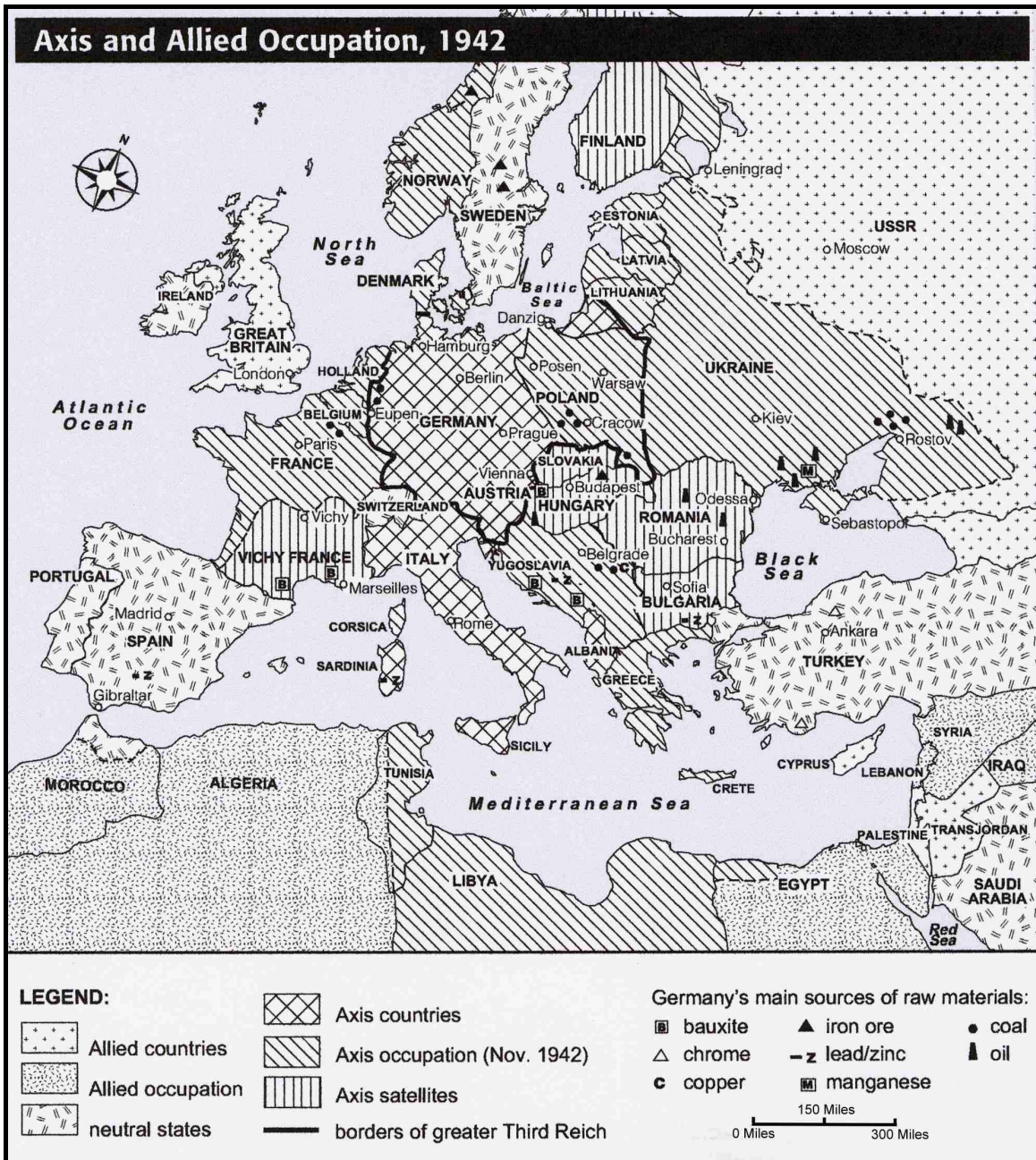


Hitler's War Machine

Germany's early success in World War Two brought most of Europe under Axis control. In addition to the Axis nations and their satellites (puppet governments), most of Europe was ruled directly by Germany or occupied by German forces in control of local governments. Only a small portion of Europe and North Africa was controlled by the Allies. The map shows Axis and Allied occupation in 1942. Examine the map and answer the questions that follow.



1. What Allied nations or Allied-occupied lands are shown on the map?
2. Which countries were Axis satellites? What raw materials did they supply to Germany?
3. What mineral did the Germans obtain from Poland? From what area were the Germans able to get manganese?
4. What neutral country existed in the heart of Europe? How was the status of Sweden different from Norway?
5. Hitler's ultimate goal was to control all of Europe. How does the map illustrate his efforts? Is it possible for a leader to successfully impose his or her own rule over an unwilling population composed of many diverse peoples? EXPLAIN!



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