

Comparing Whole Numbers

Key

< less than

> greater than

= equal to

Thousands Period				Unit Period		
H	T	O		H	T	O
2	3	7	,	4	8	9
2	3	5	,	7	8	3

1. Draw and label the place value chart on grid paper.
2. Write the KEY of comparison symbols.
3. Write the numbers in the chart.
4. Count the place value of each number.
 - The number with the most digits is the greater number. Skip to step 7.
 - Same number of digits, continue.
5. Starting with the greatest place value, cross out like digits.
6. Box remaining numbers. Decide which number is greater and why.
7. Write two comparisons using the original numbers.

Example:

237,489 > 235,783

235,783 < 237,489