## **Compare and Order Numbers**

Compare 31,072 and 34,318. Write <, >, or =.

Step 1 Align the numbers by place value using grid paper.

**Step 2** Compare the digits in each place value. Start at the greatest place.

Are the digits in the ten thousands place the same? Yes. Move to the thousands place.

Are the digits in the thousands place the same?

No. 1 thousand is less than 4 thousands.

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	3	1	0	7	2
	3	4	3	1	8
1 < 4					

**Step 3** Use the symbols <, >, or = to compare the numbers.

< means is less than.

> means is greater than.

= means is equal to.

There are two ways to write the comparison.

31,072 (<) 34,318

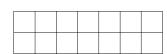
or :

34,318 (>) 31,072

1. Use the grid paper to compare 21,409 and 20,891.

Write <, >, or =.

21,409 20,89



Compare. Write <, >, or =.

**2.** \$53,621 \$53,760

**3.** 82,550

Order from greatest to least.

**4.** 16,451; 16,250; 17,014

**5.** 561,028; 582,073; 549,006