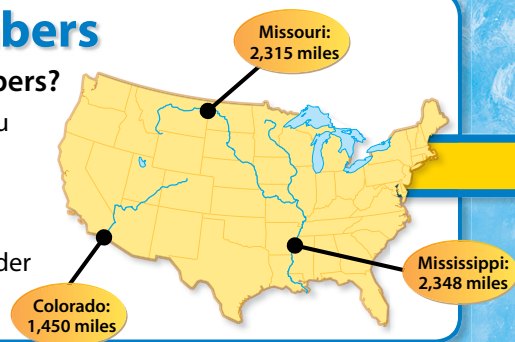


Ordering Numbers

How can you order numbers?

When you **order** numbers, you write them from greatest to least or from least to greatest.

Three rivers are shown on the map. Write their lengths in order from greatest to least.



You can use a place-value chart to help you.

thousands	hundreds	tens	ones
1	4	5	0
2	3	4	8
2	3	1	5

↑ $1 < 2$
So 1,450 is the least number.

↑ $3 = 3$

↑ $4 > 1$
So 2,348 is the greatest number.

The lengths of the rivers in order from greatest to least are:

Mississippi: 2,348 miles;
Missouri: 2,315 miles;
Colorado: 1,450 miles.

- Have you ever put a group of books in order? Describe what you did.
- Why does it make sense to organize numbers by their value?

- What does the symbol $<$ mean?
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