## Rounding to the Nearest Hundred

When we round to the nearest hundred, the numbers "residing" in the red areas (up to 850) on the number line are rounded to 800 . The numbers in the blue areas are rounded to 900 .

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| 790 | $\mathbf{8 0 0}$ | 810 | 820 | 830 | 840 | 850 | 860 | 870 | 880 | 890 | $\mathbf{9 0 0}$ |

Again, distance matters. Numbers from 801 to 849 are closer to 800 than to 900.
Numbers from 851 to 899 are closer to 900 than to 800 . And the "middle guy," 850, is rounded up to 900 : $850 \approx 900$.

1. Mark the numbers as dots on the number line (approximately) and round them to either 800 or 900 .



When rounding to the nearest hundred, look at the TENS DIGIT of the number.

- If that digit is $0,1,2,3$, or 4 , you will round down to the previous hundred.
- If that digit is $5,6,7,8$, or 9 , you will round up to the next hundred.

| $7 \mathbf{2 2 8} \approx ? ~ T h e ~ t e n s ~ d i g i t ~$ <br> is 2, so round down: | $471 \approx$ ? The tens digit <br> is 7 , so round up: <br> $728 \approx 700$ | $956 \approx ?$ The tens digit <br> is 5, so round up: <br> $971 \approx 500$ |
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| $956 \approx 1000$ |  |  |

2. Round these numbers to the nearest hundred.


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