In this essay I will be comparing how the writers convey their different perspectives of inequality in the 2 texts, the Christmas Carol by Charles Dicken and to kill a mocking bird by Harper Lee.

Harper Lee writes about a character who urge people to change. This is shown in the quote, ‘In the name of God, do your duty’ – Atticus Finch. The reference to religion shows how important his decision is and the word ‘do’ is an imperative verb which means Atticus wants the person he is talking to must do his duty. Similarly, Charles Dickens.

In to kill a mockingbird, Harper Lee presents the experience of inequality as life threatening which is in the quote,’ All Negroes lie, that all Negroes are basically immoral beings, that all Negro men are not to be trusted around our women.’ These are the thoughts of some white people during that time and it shows us how badly black people are treated even if some haven’t done anything wrong. The phrase,’ All Negroes’ tells us the person saying this might’ve experienced something with a black person and now they think every black person is like that. Similarly, in the extract in the Christmas Carol, it shows the inequality in life between the rich and the poor. This is in this long quote,’ I don’t make merry myself at Christmas and I can’t afford to make idle people merry. I help to support the establishments I have mentioned: they cost enough: and those who are badly off must go there.

‘Many can’t go there: and many would rather die’.

‘If they would rather die, they better do it, and decrease the surplus population.’

In this extract Scrooge is talking to a man who wants him to make a donation to the poor, but Scrooge refuses. From the text we can see the Scrooge doesn’t care about the lives of the poor as he says that they can just die, and it will decrease the surplus. This shows the inequality between the rich and the poor.

I hope this essay explains the contrasting inequalities in these two stories.