

Analysis and Interpretation the Quakers “Declaration”.

- What is the form of the document?
- What was its intent?
- In the “Declaration”, what pairs can you find?
- What is the second paragraph, starting “Our principle is...”, for? Can you summarize it briefly?
- What words are uncommon or unfamiliar to you?
- Why did Fox write using these words?
- Who were the authors and who was the intended audience?
- Why do you think the section beginning with “And whereas it is objected:” is structured in this way?
- What is the section labeled “First:” and “Secondly:”?
- Consider the quote “And as for the kingdoms of this world, we cannot covet them, much less can we fight for them.” Explain the logic of this statement.
- The word “Truth” is used on a number of occasions. There is “his Truth” and the “plain truth.” What is the difference between these two? What subsequent words reflect upon the idea of truth?
- What is the difference between the words pray and prey?
- How are the quotes used in the argumentation?
- Why did the authors choose these quotes?
- How did the authors interpret these biblical passages?
- Is this a satisfactory document?
- How would you argue if questioned whether Art. 11 of the Costituzione Italiana was better than the Quaker Declaration, or not?

### Articolo 11

L'Italia ripudia la guerra come strumento di offesa alla libertà degli altri popoli e come mezzo di risoluzione delle controversie internazionali; consente, in condizioni di parità con gli altri Stati, alle limitazioni di sovranità necessarie ad un ordinamento che assicuri la pace e la giustizia fra le Nazioni; promuove e favorisce le organizzazioni internazionali rivolte a tale scopo.