Editing Help Sheet for Apologia

Directions: Look over your apologia paragraph and check for the following common writing errors. First, self-edit and then choose at least one other person in class to peer edit.

1. Don’t switch the POV. (1st person, 2nd person, 3rd person) Get inside your character’s head, but don’t bounce around from person.
2. Pick strong active verbs and cut out the adverb. Nod, bombard, plead, holler, slam, shout are just a few examples of great verbs. Great verbs equal clear, effective writing!
3. Choose your character’s names thoughtfully. Does the name represent the character in some way?
4. Check for complete sentences, capital letters at the start of each sentence and proper end punctuation.

Final Draft of Apologia

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