AP Language ARGUMENT Prompt

This is a timed writing piece. You will have until the end of today’s class period to complete and turn in your response. For grades-sake this is going to be graded as a summative assignment.

Consider the distinct perspective expressed in the following statements:

*“If you develop the absolute sense of certainty that powerful beliefs provide, then you can get yourself to accomplish virtually anything, including those things that other people are certain are impossible.”* (William Phelps)

*“I think we ought always to entertain our opinions with some measure of doubt. I shouldn’t wish people dogmatically to believe any philosophy, not even mine.”* (Bertrand Russell)

In a well-organized essay, take a position on the relationship between certainty and doubt. Support your argument with appropriate evidence and examples.