3 STEPS TO ACTIVE READING

I. PREVIEW!
✓ Read the Table of Contents to find out how information is organized
✓ Read/Think about the Chapter Title—how can it guide you to look for information while you read?
✓ Flip to the Summary at the end of chapter to find out what to look for while reading
   ✓ Do you already know something about this topic?
   ✓ What is the purpose of reading this text?
✓ Can I predict the main points/major ideas that I need to know?
   ✓ Can I predict possible test questions?

II. GET INVOLVED!
✓ Look for definitions of unfamiliar terms. Is there a word list in the back of the chapter? How could you use that while reading?
✓ Turn chapter subheadings into questions and look for answers
✓ Read a short section, then close book and summarize aloud or on paper, in your own words. Check your accuracy with the text.
✓ Stop. Think. How does the reading tie in with what you have been studying in class?
   ✓ Summarize the main theme(s) in each section or chapter

III. EVALUATE!
✓ Can I answer review questions at the end of the chapter?
  ✓ Can I summarize aloud each section of the reading?
  ✓ Can I use the new terms to discuss the reading?
✓ Can I tie together the lecture notes and the reading?
✓ Can I hypothesize and ask “what if…” questions?
✓ Can I articulate questions to ask my professor?