What do we mean by 'Active Reading' in this context?

We want you to develop the skill of skimming through a large volume of material in a short time to answer specific questions.

You should have those specific questions in front of you to guide your reading (e.g., the ones from Assignment 3).

Note down references to sections in the reading that are applicable to the questions you want to answer. Mark up the book! Dog-ear the corners to key pages. Make an outline for your assignment and add page numbers and notes to it as you read.

Caution: If you mark down everything, it doesn't help you much. If you have an electronic outline, you can revise it more easily. You can cut references you decide are not as useful as you find better ones.