```javascript
function initPage() {

        // find the thumbnails on page
        thumbs = document.getElementById("thumbnailPane").getElementsByTagName("img");

        // set the handler for each image
        for (var i = 0; i < thumbs.length; i++){
                image = thumbs[i];

                // create the onclick function
                image.onclick = function(){

                        // find the full size image name
                        detailURL = "images/" + this.title + "-detail.jpg";
                        document.getElementById("itemDetail").src = detailURL;
                        getDetails(this.title);
                }
        }
}

function createRequest() {
        try {
                request = new XMLHttpRequest();
        } catch (tryMS) {
                try {
                        request = new ActiveXObject("Msxml2.XMLHTTP");
                } catch (otherMS) {
                        try {
                                request = new ActiveXObject("Microsoft.XMLHTTP");
                        } catch (failed) {
                                request = null;
                        }
                }
        }
        return request;
}

function getDetails(itemName){
        // create a new request
        var request = createRequest();

        if (request == null){
                alert("Unable to create request!");
                return;
        }

        // send the request
        var url = "getDetails.php?ImageID=" + escape(itemName);
        request.open("GET", url, true);
        request.onreadystatechange = displayDetails;
        request.send(null);
}

function displayDetails(){
        // if request is finished and status is ok
        if (request.readyState == 4 && request.status == 200){
                var detailDiv = document.getElementById("description");
                detailDiv.innerHTML = request.responseText;
        }
}

window.onload = initPage;
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