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## Process Paper

When thinking of the person who broke the sports color barrier. The closest I could think of is Jackie Robinson, because of his acts in the MLB. It turns out there is another major figure, Kenny Washington. The mostly forgotten football legend. I chose this topic because I was interested in Black History and Football itself. I was also interested in the fact that Kenny Washington isn't that well remembered. Most people will remember Jackie Robinson, but most

people don't know almost anything about Kenny Washington. One of my major reasons for making my project about Kenny Washington is to inform more people of Kenny Washington's acts.

I researched Kenny Washington by looking up many biographies about him. Many newspapers showed the effect Kenny had on the media. One video that I found was by the NFL themselves. The NFL themselves showed their gratitude to Kenny. Even Martin Luther King Jr commented on Kenny's acts. One of the major things that I learned, is that NFL executives enlisted a ban on people of color. This ban went for as long as 13 years and was only broken once Kenny was signed on the Rams. I was surprised about how many sources there were of Kenny. Before NHD, I've never even heard about Kenny Washington. This tells me that Kenny still made a huge impact. Even though he is still forgotten to most people.

I made my project a website, because I am very interested in technology. I think making something online would be fun and entertaining for me. This would allow more people to view my project, because it would be easier to access. The website talks about the context of the time, shows pictures of Kenny, Kenny's actions that lead to his signing, and shows the effects Kenny had on society.

In 1946, Kenny was signed into the NFL by the Rams. After a 13-year ban for people of color in the NFL, Kenny Washington broke a major color barrier in sports history. By not only having impressive games, but by the media's support of Kenny. Without the media, Kenny couldn't of became a big deal. Kenny Washington broke the 13-year color barrier for the NFL. This led to many more African Americans to join the NFL. Most players in the NFL today are African Americans, but even though the higher ups of the NFL are mostly white. Kenny made a huge impact in NFL history, and even the NFL today.